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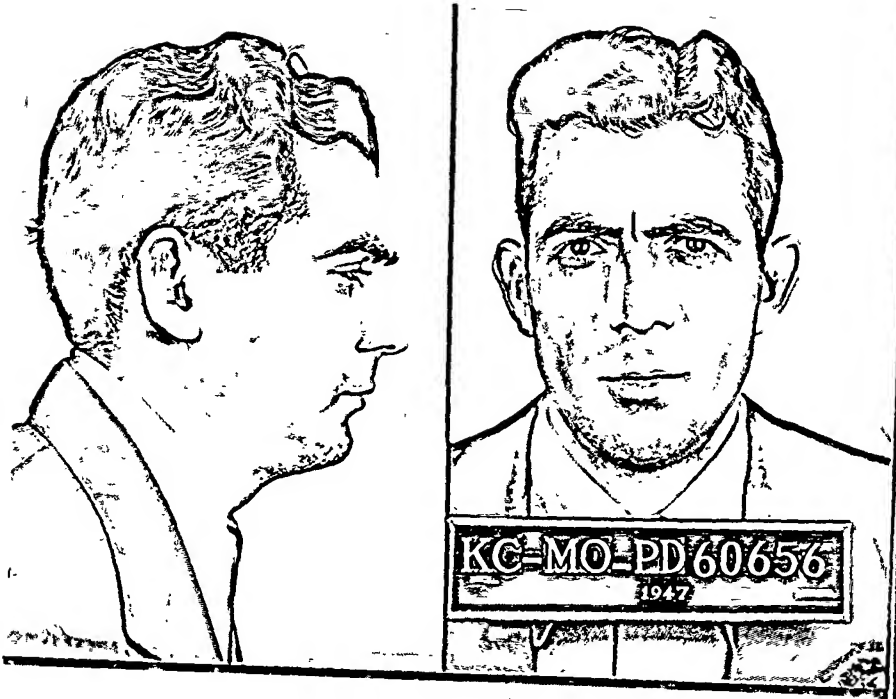
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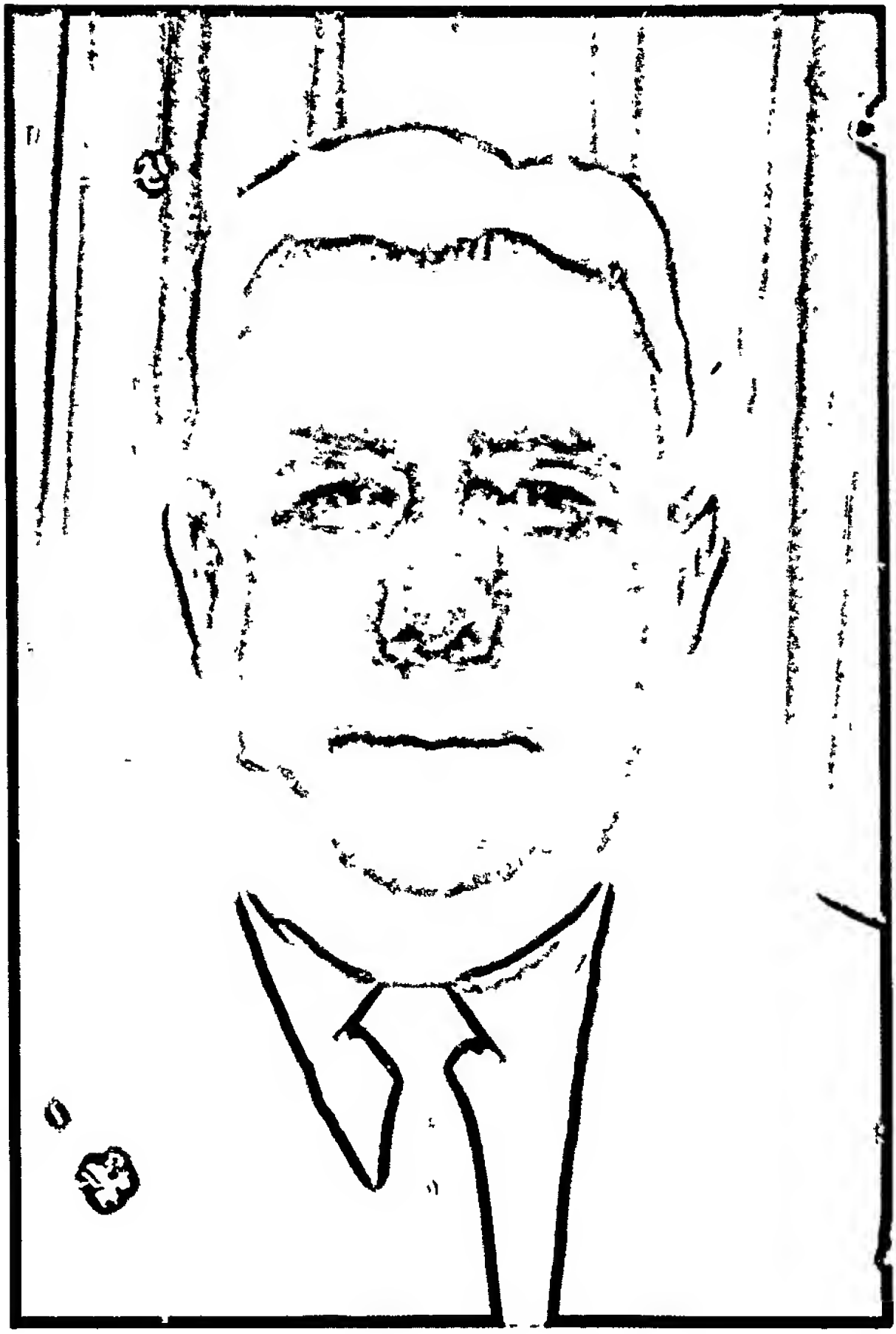

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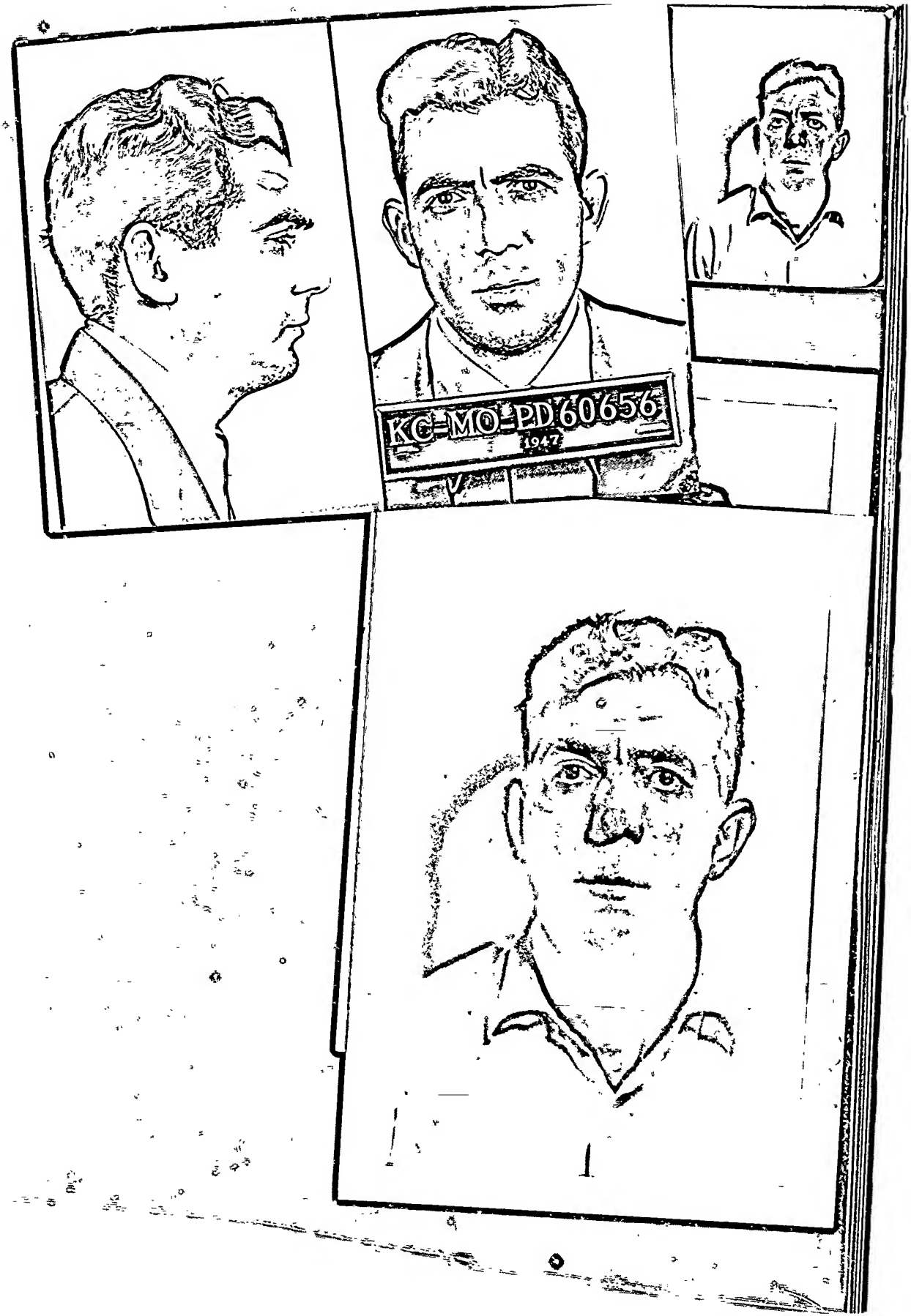
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5'7 3/4"
140
Numerous sm. brown moles upper jaw & on corner of rt. eye.

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United States Government

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TO : SAC (92-259) DATE: 3/14/61

FROM : SA DON W. WALTERS

SUBJECT : MORRIS "SNAG" KLEIN
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On March 9, 1961, KLEIN was interviewed by SA [redacted] and DON W. WALTERS.

KLEIN advised that he has known NICK CIVELLA for more than thirty years, having grown up in the same area with NICK. He stated that since opening the Original Toy and Jobbing Company, which he presently operates, CIVELLA has frequented his place and at the present time comes there, usually about four times a week, to play bridge. He stated NICK is very fond of bridge and usually comes there between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. and remains until the place closes, about 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. He advised that CIVELLA never discusses business with him and he does not desire to know CIVELLA's business. He stated that he feels that all of his trouble has resulted from being associated with individuals like NICK CIVELLA. He advised in 1947 he was convicted in connection with the Kansas City Vote Fraud Case and spent some time in the Federal Penitentiary, which he feels was directly the result of his being known as an associate of CIVELLA.

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Since that time he has continued to be "guilty by association" and while he has not engaged in any illegal activity of any kind, he is often accused of being a member of the Italian organization, accused of having gambling in his personal business and other criminal activity. He stated he realizes that this is a bad situation but one that he can do nothing about. When asked why he felt that he could not do anything about it, KLEIN smiled but made no answer.

When interviewing Agents persisted in asking questions of KLEIN relative to the Italian organization and NICK CIVELLA, KLEIN became angry and refused to discuss the matter any further.

KLEIN was questioned relative to the taking of bets at the Original Toy and Jobbing Company and denied that any bets were taken there or that any gambling was done there. He admitted that approximately a year or year and one-half ago, a gambling game had operated in the space immediately west of his place of business but he denied any knowledge of the identity of the person operating this game. He stated that his only business at the present time is the operation of the Original Toy and Jobbing Company, which is a wholesale toy business, and denied that he is engaged in any type of illegal activity. He stated that he has [redacted] and stated that both he and his wife are very active in the PTA there and that he is also active in Boy Scout work. He stated he is trying his best to live down his prison record, although it is extremely difficult because he is continually being subpoenaed to appear before local and federal grand juries and questioned regarding the activities of such individuals as NICK CIVELLA, who frequents his place of business.

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KLEIN stated that he has long known of the interest of the FBI in him and the people who frequent his store and stated that he does not object and that his place is open any time for any investigation. He pointed out that he has felt that the FBI has had his telephone tapped for some time. He stated he based this opinion on the fact that his phones are checked by people representing themselves to be telephone people at regular intervals and some of these individuals he suspects as being FBI Agents.

He further stated he has made a practice in the past when he suspects individuals as not being telephone employees to contact the telephone company to verify if there is a work order for his place.

It was suggested to KLEIN that in view of his association with such individuals as NICK CIVELLA, that inquiries would probably be made from time to time as to his whereabouts, and therefore, to facilitate matters and to avoid the embarrassment of any inquiries made about him, he should consider advising the FBI when he planned a trip out of the city. He stated that he was planning such a trip in the immediate future, as he and his son planned to leave Kansas City on March 10 and fly to Miami, where they would attend the Heavyweight Championship Fight and planned to return to Kansas City on March 14. He stated that while in Miami he would stay at the Americana Hotel. KLEIN was asked if he planned to see NICK CIVELLA while there and readily admitted that CIVELLA had left Kansas City on March 6, with his wife enroute to Miami, Florida and would probably attend the fight and he would probably see him.

KLEIN stated that there is another trip that he makes on an annual basis and takes the trip to Santa Ana, California each summer to visit his wife's mother.

KLEIN readily admitted knowing CARL CIVELLA personally but stated that he sees him very infrequently, as CIVELLA has only been in his place of business on two or three occasions, to his knowledge. He stated that he has only been to the Produce Club one time that he can recall and that was prior to the time when he moved to his present location at 102 East 3rd Street. He stated he doesn't associate with CIVELLA personally and has absolutely no knowledge of his business or activities.

KLEIN admitted knowing FELIX FERINA and stated that FERINA comes to his place of business infrequently, however, he stated he knew absolutely nothing of FERINA's business or activities. KLEIN stated that he makes it a point not to associate personally with NICK CIVELLA and his associates who frequent his place of business, stating that he spends all of his leisure time with his family, but he and his wife do occasionally go to such places as Antonio's Pizzeria and the Pancake Patio and on most of those occasions are [redacted]. b6 b7C

KLEIN was asked about the allegation that MAX JABEN and two others had within the past year attempted to buy a gambling establishment in either Reno, Nevada or Lake Tahoe, California, and he denied any knowledge of this business venture.

KLEIN denied that he knew FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE or MILLIO MILITTI.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4-18-61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CAMMISANO, aka
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WILLIAM CAMMISANO, who advised he is also known as WILLIE CUMMINGS, was interviewed at the Kansas City office by SA'S JOHN E. WILLIAMS and [redacted] on 3-22-61, at which time he furnished the following descriptive and background data concerning himself:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	4-26-14, Williamsburg, Iowa
Height	5'9½"
Weight	210 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Heavy
Education	6th grade
Military Service	U. S. Army, 1940, dishonorable discharge, drafted from Kansas City, Missouri
Address	(Northwest corner) Intersection 57th & Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri
Telephone	GL. 2-7540

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1 - 92-391 [redacted]

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Marital Status	Married; wife, ANTOINETTE CAMMISANO, nee Cipolla
Relatives	Mother, LENA CAMMISANO, 310 Holmes, KC MO; brother, JOSEPH CAMMISANO, residing on East Englewood, Grand Salvage & Fixture Company, 1432 Grand, KC MO;

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Regarding GLABOM, CAMMISANO advised he is not acquainted with STANTON GLADDEN and, to his knowledge, has never been in the area of the GLADDEN home. He explained that his usual routine is to open his restaurant, Joe's Spaghetti House, located directly north of the Puritan Hotel, at about 10PM each night. Upon closing at about 6AM the following morning, he proceeds either to his home or to his place of business, the Grand Salvage Company. If he does not go directly home, he usually returns home in the early afternoon and does not leave until he returns to the restaurant at 7 or 8PM.

CAMMISANO said that when he originally opened the restaurant in December 1960, he remained open from about noon to 7 or 8AM the following morning; however, on 2-9-61 and since that time, he has operated only during the night hours.

In commenting regarding various labor officials with whom he is acquainted, he stated he is well acquainted with ROY WILLIAMS of the Teamsters Union, as both have a mutual interest in race horses. He said WILLIAMS has some quarter-horses. He claimed to have no close association with WILLIAMS.

He claimed to be acquainted with [redacted] but he does not know him socially. He denied being closely associated with anyone in the Kansas City, Missouri, Fire Department, and he neither heard nor discussed an opinion as to the reason for the bombing of GLADDEN'S automobile. b6 b7C

Regarding his own business interests, he advised that Joe's Spaghetti House is a partnership in which he and [redacted] When it was first opened, [redacted] also had an interest in the business but dropped out after a few weeks. He stated the Grand Salvage Company, which deals in used fixtures, is an equal partnership, involving [redacted] JOE CAMMISANO and himself. He said he also buys and sells horses.

CAMMISANO claims to own his own home, which is in his and his wife's name, and he owns a farm at East Leavenworth, Kansas, which he leased some time ago but took back around 2-1-61. He explained that at one time, he fixed the barn at this location for a restaurant, but did not complete the construction; however, he eventually intends to open a restaurant at this location.

CAMMISANO advised he owns 12½ acres in Northern Heights, north of KC MO, in which NICK CIVELLA has a half-interest. This acreage was originally owned by JAMES CARROLLA and himself and shortly before CARROLLA died, he sold his interest to NICK CIVELLA. He claimed the only organizations of which he is a member are the Quarterhorse Association and the Mirror Lake Country Club.

CAMMISANO stated he attended the anniversary party for NICK CIVELLA at the Mirror Lake Country Club about 12-12-59 but that he gave no present to CIVELLA and he is not engaged in any other business interests with CIVELLA than in the ownership of the 12½ acres. He said he has never known NICK CIVELLA to be a leader of any element of the Italian people and has no knowledge of his leadership over any group in the criminal element. When questioned as to whether or not certain of the Italian people go to NICK CIVELLA for advice and guidance, he said he has no knowledge regarding this and that he personally could conceive of no situation wherein he might consult CIVELLA for advice.

Subject advised that he, THOMAS SIMONE and JOE CAMMISANO had, for a period of time after [redacted] and [redacted], purchased tires sold by them for about four or five months and received the profit of the cash discount. He stated [redacted] did not have sufficient credit to handle the tire purchases and this was the reason for their handling this matter. He said that they had operated as the [redacted] in connection with the purchase of these tires and that this occurred in early 1960.

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Subject stated he has no connection with any loan club which loans money to individuals in KC MO and has no knowledge of such an organization.

CAMMISANO stated that he has in the past traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, with his wife and on such occasions he has stayed at the Desert Inn Hotel. He claimed not to have been in Las Vegas in the past three years.

Subject denied knowing LEW FARRELL. He claimed he has been acquainted with JAMES DUARDI for a number of years, as DUARDI was originally from Kansas City and his family lived in this area. He claimed not to have seen DUARDI in recent years.

CAMMISANO denied knowing MILLIO MILLITTI. He said he is acquainted with BUSTER BALESTRERE, believed to be a nephew of the late JAMES BALESTRERE and that BUSTER is now believed to be living in Milwaukee. He claimed not to know the reason for BUSTER'S leaving the Kansas City area and knows nothing of his present activities. He claimed not to have seen BUSTER in the recent past.

Upon referring to the disappearance of EDWARD HARRIS, subject advised that he had gotten the blame for the shooting of subject HARRIS, which occurred some four or five years ago. He denied he was responsible for that shooting or HARRIS'S disappearance of 2-9-60. He said he has never frequented the Produce Club since it has moved to its present location at 3rd & Walnut.

When asked if he would volunteer any information which might be in his possession regarding the GLADDEN matter, or pertinent information regarding the criminal element or individuals of prominence, such as NICK CIVELLA, and which might be of assistance to the government, he said he probably would not. He stated he definitely would not furnish information regarding the GLADDEN matter if he knew who was responsible as he would not want to get involved.

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5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4-18-61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CHARLES FORTE
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CHARLES FORTE was interviewed at the Kansas City office by Special Agents JOHN E. WILLIAMS and [redacted] on 3-21-61. He furnished the following descriptive background data regarding himself:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	11-30-11
Address	1825 Brownell
Business Address	Charles Auto Sales, 27th & Cherry, telephone VI. 2-2578
Height	5'10"
Weight	192 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Education	7th grade
Military Service	None
Marital Status	Married; wife, FRANCES FORTE, nee Rogers
Relatives	Mother, Mrs. GRACE FORTE, 203 Park, Kansas City, Mo.; brother, SALVATORE FORTE, 517 Tracy, employed by National Bellas Hess; brother, PHILLIP FORTE, 106 Wabash, operates DeLuxe Market on Truman Road;

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sister, Mrs. PAT (HELEN) SELLERO,
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sister, Mrs. THOMAS (ROSE) FON-
TANELLO;
[redacted]

FORTE advised that he and his wife had traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, in February 1960, where they stayed at the Sands Hotel with THOMAS FONTANELLO and his wife. He said they are acquainted with CARL COHEN who is connected with the Sands Hotel. He denied he had traveled to Las Vegas on this occasion with THOMAS CACIOPPO or with ANTHONY or NICK CIVELLA. He recalled, however, that these men were either in Las Vegas immediately before or after February 1960 and that all went from this point to Palm Springs, California.

FORTE advised that he and his wife also traveled to Las Vegas in June 1960 where they first rented an apartment for a period of about three weeks and the last four days of their stay was spent at the Sands Hotel. He said to his knowledge, there were no other acquaintances of his from Kansas City in Las Vegas at that time.

In discussing the recent [redacted] FORTE advised he is personally acquainted with [redacted] but he recalls that sometime before the [redacted] had come to his car lot attempting to [redacted] and had made the comment that he was going [redacted] He claimed he had no other knowledge as to the identity of those persons responsible for the [redacted] other than what he had read in the newspapers.

As to Glabom, FORTE stated he is not acquainted with STANTON M. GLADDEN and to his knowledge, has never been in the area of the Gladden home. He recalls that on the afternoon of the day GLADDEN'S automobile was bombed, he was in the office

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of [redacted] of the [redacted] and heard the report of this explosion over the radio. He stated it was his usual procedure to come to work at his used car lot between 9:00 and 10:00 in the morning, after which he buys cars at one of the auto auctions. His daily activities are confined to acquiring automobiles and he usually returns home about 6:00PM. He said that if the weather is good, he occasionally returns to his used car lot following the dinner hour, where he remains until 9:00PM, when he returns home. He said he does not frequent local taverns or known hang-outs of Italian and criminal individuals, and he said he has not had a drink in the past two months. He denied that he ever gambles and stated he had only been in the Produce Club on one occasion and this was when he was attempting to sell an automobile to some unrecalled individual who was at this location.

When asked regarding the identity of any organization, such as the Mafia, he stated he was aware there had been a group of people known as the Black Handers in Kansas City when he was a small child, but he said he has heard no comments indicating there is such an organization in existence in Kansas City at the present time nor has he ever heard of any organization referred to in Kansas City as the Mafia.

FORTE advised that he has known NICK CIVELLA since they were close associates as young boys but at the present time, he only sees him once or twice a year and has no knowledge of his business activities or interests. He stated he does not know NICK CIVELLA to be a leader of any organization or group of Italian people, although it is generally reported that he has done a great deal of good in keeping the young Italian boys out of trouble by going and talking to them when they are involved in criminal activities or some other activity which is detrimental to them.

FORTE stated he is acquainted with CARL CIVELLA, who can frequently be seen at the Jungle Club, which he understands is owned by PHIL SIMONE.

He said while it is generally known that many of the Italian people were involved in narcotics violations in the past years, FORTE does not feel it is true that there is any traffic in narcotics by the Italian people at the present time. He has heard the report that NICK CIVELLA takes a

personal stand as being opposed to the Italian people being involved in any type of narcotics traffic.

He advised that he has never personally talked to NICK CIVELLA about the latter's reported attendance at the Apalachin meeting, which was given considerable newspaper publicity. He said he would have no occasion to discuss this with CIVELLA, as it is none of his business.

FORTE advised that he had been arrested on numerous occasions, but he does not consider himself a criminal character and has seriously considered applying for a liquor license.

As to MILLIO MILLITTI, he stated he had known MILLITTI for about ten years, first becoming acquainted with him when MILLITTI was a prize fighter in Omaha, Nebraska. He said the next he knew of MILLITTI he was an invalid in a wheel chair. He said there have been occasions when MILLITTI has come to Kansas City and on such occasions, he usually telephones FORTE from the airport, after which he would contact one [redacted], who operates a pool hall at [redacted], and they would meet MILLITTI and take him from the airplane. He said the reason for [redacted] meeting him is because [redacted] is a husky young man and can easily pick up MILLITTI in his arms and carry him from the plane to a wheel chair. On such occaions, they usually travel from the plane to either Gaetano's Restaurant or the Midwest Bar, operated by THOMAS FONTANELLO, with whom MILLITTI is acquainted. He also stated that MILLITTI is known to be acquainted with CHARLES BENGIAMINA. MILLITTI has not been in Kansas City, to his knowledge, for several years and although he and his wife visited in the San Francisco area about six years ago, at which time they heard MILLITTI was in a local hospital, they were unable to visit him, although they attempted to do so.

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FORTE advised he is acquainted with BUSTER BALESTRERE, who is believed to be a brother-in-law of JOHN ~~MOLEY~~ Molle, who operates a U-Drive-It Agency. He believes that ~~MOLEY is~~ Molle married to BALESTRERE'S sister and he believes the reason BALESTRERE left Kansas City a number of years ago and went to Milwaukee was because he was unable to obtain employment in Kansas City at that particular time. He said when BALESTRERE was in Kansas City, he used to see him nearly every day at the Sherman Bar (prior to 1946) when he, FORTE, and THOMAS FONTANELLO operated this bar. He has been acquainted with FRANK BALESTRERE,

now deceased, the father of BUSTER BALESTRERE. He knew of no relative now living in Kansas City and did not know the exact relationship of BUSTER BALESTRERE to the late JAMES BALESTRERE, but he may have been a nephew. He claimed not to know the present activities of BALESTRERE in Milwaukee.

FORTE advised that he is acquainted with JAMES DUARDI, a former resident of Kansas City, now living in California. He claims to have last seen DUARDI about six months ago when the latter came to his car lot just to say hello. He stated the reason for DUARDI leaving the Kansas City area a number of years ago was because he was harassed by the local police, who would pick him up every few days for questioning. He claimed not to know the present activities of DUARDI.

FORTE said he is not acquainted with LEW FARRELL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-417) DATE: 4-18-61

FROM : SA DON W. WALTERS

SUBJECT : THOMAS FONTANELLA, aka "Dude"
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On 3-17-61, FONTANELLA was interviewed at the Kansas City Office by SA'S [redacted] and DON W. WALTERS.

FONTANELLA denied any knowledge of the bombing of STANTON M. GLADDEN. He stated the only thing he knew about it was what he read in the newspapers. He stated during the pertinent period he was at home inasmuch as he suffered a heart attack July 4, 1960, and since that time has been very much restricted in his activities and remains at home almost every evening.

He denied any knowledge of any Italian or Sicilian organization or "Clique" existing in Kansas City. He stated the only Italian organization of which he had any knowledge was the North Side political faction headed by ALEXANDER JOSEPH PRESTA, which was purely a political organization designed to give the Italian people of Kansas City more authority and influence in connection with local political matters.

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FONTANELLA readily admitted having known both NICHOLAS and CARL CIVELLA all of his life, stating he considers himself to be a close personal friend of both of these individuals but denied any knowledge of their business interests or activities. He stated he frequently sees NICHOLAS CIVELLA at the Original Toy and Jobbing Company operated by MORRIS KLEIN, stating that he and CIVELLA frequently go there to play bridge.

He stated that NICHOLAS CIVELLA also comes to the Midwest Bar, 9th and McGee, where [redacted] He stated on these occasions CIVELLA merely comes there for a friendly visit, that all they do is have a cup of coffee together and discuss the matters of mutual interest. He stated NICHOLAS CIVELLA never discusses his business with him and he never makes any inquiry relative to CIVELLA'S business interest.

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FONTANELLA readily admitted he has been in Las Vegas, Nevada, on several occasions stating he usually makes these trips with either CHARLES FORTE or THOMAS CACIOPPO, who are close personal friends of his. He denied ever having been in Las Vegas with either NICHOLAS or CARL CIVELLA.

FONTANELLA denied having any financial interest in the Midwest Bar, stating he merely [redacted] b6 b7C

FONTANELLA was asked how CARL CIVELLA and THOMAS SIMONE were getting along in connection with the ownership of the Jungle Club since it had moved to its location at 1425 Baltimore Street. He related he understood they have been doing a very excellent business there, particularly during the first week of their operation at this new location.

FONTANELLA denied any knowledge of current criminal activities in Kansas City, stating that since his release from the penitentiary in 1941 he has made an effort to live a clean and honest life, and he is avoiding any contacts with known criminals or persons known to have been engaged in such activities.

He advised he suffered a heart attack on July 4, 1960, and since that time has been restricted in connection with his activities. He denied he does any gambling. He stated he seldom goes to the Original Toy and Jobbing Company except for a game of bridge with some of his friends, and stated he has not been to the Produce Club for more than three years.

FONTANELLA admitted knowing BUSTER BALESTRERE of Milwaukee, stating that BALESTRERE formerly resided in Kansas City and is a brother-in-law of JOE GUERERA and related to the late JAMES BALESTRERE. He stated he has no knowledge of BALESTRERE'S present business interests or business activities.

FONTANELLA denied knowing LEW FARRELL.

FONTANELLA stated that years ago he was acquainted with MILLIO MILITTI who resided in Omaha, Nebraska, and was allegedly engaged in criminal activities there. He stated at the present time MILITTI is alleged to be engaged in the operation of a tavern on the west coast and to his knowledge has not been in Kansas City for more than a year and a half. He stated that usually when MILITTI comes to Kansas City

he stops by the Midwest Bar for the purpose of exchanging friendly greetings.

FONTANELLA admitted knowing JAMES DUARDI (top hoodlum, Los Angeles Division), stating that DUARDI is a nephew of GAETANO LOCOCO and a former resident of Kansas City. He stated he has not seen DUARDI for a number of years and knows nothing of his current business interests or activities.

FONTANELLA furnished the following descriptive information.

Name	THOMAS FONTANELLA
Also Known As	"Dude"
Born	December 20, 1912 Kansas City, Missouri
Height	5'5"
Weight	168
Hair	Black, wavy, thinning
Eyes	Brown
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Dark
Married	
Wife	ROSE FONTANELLA, nee Forte
Children	None
Employment	Manager, Midwest Bar 9th and McGee Kansas City, Missouri
Relatives	
[redacted]	
Parents	Deceased
[redacted]	
	Kansas City, Missouri
Address	1807 Pendleton Kansas City, Missouri
Car	1961 Chevrolet, black, license number E66-479 (old)

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SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

"CHANGED" (Inter-Office)
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Title changed to reflect additional alias of BUSTER VEDO BALESTRERE from Kansas City, Missouri Police Department records.

Reop SA JAMES E. LC ARDLE dated 2-27-61 at Milwaukee.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City checked as of 4-24-61 contain no information regarding the subject.

Records of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department checked as of 4-24-61 reflect the following descriptive data and local record in addition to that appearing on subject's identification record under FBI #1057020. This record appears under the name BUSTER VEDO BALESTRERE, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department #60656.

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	11-16-18
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	140
Addresses:	503 Harrison, Kansas City, Mo. 4206 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Bartender

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Wife: ROSE
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Arrests:

Date	File #	Charge	Disposition
2-26-35	E-60734	Inv. Robbery	Rel. Arr. Off. 2-26-35
10-21-47	2-39126	Gamb	$5 10-27-47
12-23-47	1-36236	Inv. CCW	Rel by Rob. 12-30-47
4-10-48	2-44093	Freq. Gamb.	$5 & $5 #3 4-16-48
10-10-49	2-61913	Freq	BF $25 #2 10-18-49 BF set aside
		Gamb.	Disch Gamb $1 Freq #1 10-25-49
10-19-50	2-74770	Inv. Burg.	Rel. by Burg Bur 10-20-50
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Your attention is directed to Kansas City letter of 3-2-61 in case entitled FRANK PETER BALISTRIRI, AR, your 94-316 reflecting the results of an interview with JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, FBI #4059366, a known contact of BUSTER BALESTRERE when in Kansas City.

Itwill be noted that in the report of SA JAMES E. KC ARDLE dated 3-20-61, a lead was set out for Kansas City to identify the subscriber of telephone NI 8-1189, Overland Park, Kansas. This phone is listed to JOE G. GURERA, 9021 Delmar. This is the address of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA referred to above.

MORRIS "SNAG" KLEIN, FBI #4694729, one of the operators of the Original Toy and Jobbers Mart on West 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, one of the points from which

NICHOLAS CIVELLA, Appalachian Attendee, operates, was interviewed on 3-9-61 and denied knowing subject. It is very probable that he was evading this question as he, because of his association with all of the prominent members of "The Clique," would have been acquainted with subject's family.

CHARLES FORTE, FBI #1223503, who is closely associated with all prominent members of "The Clique," advised he is acquainted with BUSTER BALESTRERE whom he believes to be a brother-in-law of JOHN KOLLE, operator of a local U-Drive-It Agency. FORTE advised that he believed the reason BUSTER BALESTRERE left Kansas City a number of years ago was because he was unable to obtain employment in this area at that time. He added that in former years when BUSTER BALESTRERE was in Kansas City he would see him almost every day at the Sherman Bar when he, FORTE and THOMAS FONTANELLO (FBI #344518, ranking member of "The Clique") operated this bar. He further stated that he had been acquainted with BALESTRERE's father, FRANK BALESTRERE, who is deceased. He claimed not to know the identity or whereabouts of any other relatives of BUSTER BALESTRERE, but believed that he is a nephew of the late JAMES BALESTRERE. He denied knowing the present whereabouts of BUSTER BALESTRERE other than he was reported to be in Milwaukee. He denied knowing anything about subject's present activities.

WILLIAM CAMMISANO, FBI #769449, a top ranking member of "The Clique," on 3-22-61 was interviewed at the Kansas City Office. He admitted he is acquainted with BUSTER BALESTRERE, whom he believed to be a nephew of the late JAMES BALESTRERE and who reportedly now lives in Milwaukee. He claimed not to know the reason BUSTER BALESTRERE left Kansas City or anything about his present activities. He denied that he had seen BUSTER BALESTRERE in the recent past.

It is very unlikely that any of these three would knowingly furnish any information of value regarding BUSTER BALESTRERE if such information was known to them.

The above three denied being acquainted with FRANK BALISTRIRI, subject of Milwaukee case 94-316.

[redacted] who is listed as [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, which has previously been referred to as [redacted] was interviewed at Kansas City Office on 2-25-61. He was interviewed regarding the report that JOSEPH FRANK GURERA owned an [redacted] He advised he was aware of this report but denied that this was true. He advised that GURERA in past months had [redacted] but this was due to their friendship that existed at that time. GURERA no longer [redacted] according to [redacted] as their friendship is somewhat strained because of GURERA having given him [redacted]

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[redacted] was cooperative during this interview to the extent that he furnished [redacted] information regarding GURERA recently [redacted] Efforts will be made to develop [redacted] and it is possible he will be able to advise the Kansas City Office when BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted]

[redacted] advised on 2-25-61 that he is acquainted with BUSTER BALESTRERE whom he knows to be a close friend or relative of JOSEPH GURERA. He added that BALESTRERE always visits GURERA when in Kansas City. He stated he is not well enough acquainted with BALESTRERE to know of his present activities or business interests, but understands that he operates a tavern in Milwaukee. He was unable to furnish information regarding BALESTRERE's activities while living in Kansas City or regarding his family background.

Further efforts will be made to develop additional information regarding both BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK PETER BALISTRIRI in future interviews with local hoodlums.

Milwaukee should advise Kansas City if there is any objection to an interview with BUSTER BALESTRERE's relatives now living in Kansas City.

SAC (92-109) 6/20/61

SA RUSSELL P. CURTIS

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

On June 16, 1961, [redacted] advised that an individual previously mentioned by him, as recorded in Kansas City airtel dated 5/11/61 entitled [redacted] (KC file [redacted]), named [redacted] BILL DUFFALINO.

CI also advised he heard that DUSTER DALESTRERE was in Kansas City from Milwaukee during the week of 6/12/61 but CI did not see him.

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CI said that [redacted] (ph), [redacted]

CI further advised that [redacted] his [redacted] exact location not known.

CI further advised that [redacted] of the [redacted] which is [redacted] and that [redacted] and tells him what to do. He did not furnish any further details when asked.

Concerning the general election for [redacted] of Joint Council 56, [redacted] was elected without opposition. The Joint Council is composed of 20 locals with 7 representatives of each local, for a total of approximately 240 votes.

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CI and [redacted] were interviewed at their residence on 8/30/61 and furnished the following:

[redacted] reported that ROY WILLIAMS, Teamster official had [redacted]

[redacted] advised in connection with the above information [redacted] learned from [redacted] Mrs. GUERRA and Mrs. DUSTER DALESTRERO that DUSTER DALESTRERO had been in Kansas City about two months ago. [redacted] further advised that GUERRA is known to have made several trips to Milwaukee in the past few months and it is entirely possible that GUERRA may be planning to move to Milwaukee.

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] and her [redacted] who have been [redacted] in [redacted]. Both [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she has raised the impression particularly because of [redacted] that [redacted] is definitely a [redacted] area. [redacted] had commented that CI [redacted] he had taken her and [redacted] the evening.

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During the evening, [redacted] had reportedly advised [redacted] that [redacted] first on arriving [redacted] before she goes to the [redacted]. Also that she goes immediately to the [redacted] from where she [redacted] and to thereafter contacts her and she [redacted] Also on the 1st [redacted] she found that [redacted] was not available. On this occasion, [redacted] instructed her to take [redacted] but to [redacted] from the [redacted] where it would [redacted] reportedly save [redacted] advised that according to [redacted] a month to six weeks she learned that the [redacted] made a quick [redacted] and after talking to [redacted] at the [redacted] immediately to [redacted] reportedly has made a number [redacted] in recent months, and reportedly is looking after [redacted] a addition in that area in which he and [redacted]

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According to [redacted] became associated with the [redacted] in the early [redacted] when CHARLES DINACCIO was in power in Kansas City. This CI recalls that DINACCIO and his [redacted] were "wined and dined" by [redacted] and took them to a number of night spots in which they reportedly had [redacted] CI added that she [redacted] was then a powerful man in [redacted] [redacted] was not an [redacted] CI advised that there is something unusual about the close association between the [redacted] as they were never close in past years. It was CI's opinion that this relationship may be the result of [redacted] close connection with one or more of the [redacted] who sat at the [redacted] CI reported that [redacted] commented that [redacted] had sent so many gifts back with them that they had to [redacted]. One of the [redacted] was reported to be a [redacted] According to [redacted] took them to the [redacted] where there was a long line of people waiting to visit the [redacted]

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[redacted] took them in through a [redacted] where [redacted] escorted them through the premises without entering. The [redacted] according to [redacted] received special treatment because they [redacted] did all the [redacted] towards the [redacted]. They reportedly furnish [redacted] daily basis. [redacted] also claimed that [redacted] all in [redacted] which are merely fronts.

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According to [redacted] in a recent [redacted] JOHN MANIAMACHI, the comment was made that he, MANIAMACHI, has no [redacted] in the [redacted] and that he had [redacted] MANIAMACHI claimed that he had not been down to this [redacted] several months and had loaned the boat which normally keeps [redacted]

SAC, Kansas City (92-326) October 19, 1961

SA DON W. WALTERS and
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JOSEPH FRANK GURERA
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During an interview on October 17, 1961, at the residence of informant, [redacted] advised information had been received from [redacted] JOE GURERA that [redacted] had been to view [redacted] GURERA, apparently in connection with [redacted] [redacted] are not aware that [redacted] No additional information has been received as to where GURERA [redacted] following the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that some of [redacted] GURERA are somewhat disturbed by the fact that [redacted] GURERA who are [redacted] from the [redacted] GURERA residence.

CI has received no additional information indicating that DUSTER BALESTRIERE has visited Kansas City recently.

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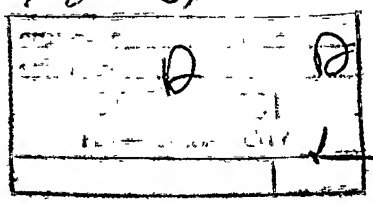

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, [redacted] -P- DATE: 11/3/61

FROM : SAS [redacted]
DON W. WALTERS

SUBJECT: [redacted]

CI advised on October 25, 1961 at CI's residence that in addition to the information regarding "Clique" leaders having a [redacted] contact at the [redacted] from whom they had obtained some information regarding a recent [redacted] on the [redacted], JOHN MANGIARACINA also made other comments of interest regarding [redacted] He reportedly stated in referring to the interest of [redacted] in the [redacted] current investigations that some of [redacted] are occasionally driving around [redacted] during the early morning hours to see if any strange cars, particularly those with out of state license plates, can be observed. MANGIARACINA reportedly remarked that the [redacted] which can be attached to [redacted] as far as two miles away from [redacted] and can [redacted] in the area of [redacted] even when [redacted]

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CI reported that according to recent report JOE GURERA does have his home up for sale but does not intend to leave Kansas City when the house is sold.

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112 (GAETANO LOCOCO)
114 (THOMAS SIMONE)
115 (CARL CIVELLA)
116 (NICHOLAS CIVELLA)
160 (FRANK BALISTIERI)
262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA)
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CI also through [redacted] received the information that [redacted] by every [redacted] of any importance. Some specifically mentioned were THOMAS SIMONE, [redacted] and FRANK and JIMMIE BALISTRIERI. JOHN MANGIARACINA did not attend. [redacted] did not attend because of the short lapse of time since the [redacted] The [redacted] occurred at the [redacted] and the [redacted] JOHN MOLLE. CI reported it is possible that BUSTER BALESTERE attended but his name was not mentioned.

CI [redacted] the night of [redacted] CI advised that there were a few prominent [redacted] there when CI [redacted] during the early part of [redacted] but according to reports everyone in the [redacted] of any importance did pay their respects. [redacted] were there as well as [redacted] who is [redacted]. CI reported that there has been considerable [redacted] for some time as the [redacted] have always felt that [redacted] as he did [redacted] and it has been necessary for [redacted] as well as make the [redacted] and his [redacted] CI reported that most of the acquaintances have felt [redacted] because of the poor financial circumstances of [redacted] and everyone was very much surprised when [redacted] appeared at the [redacted]

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CI stated that it has been the general opinion among this element, that [redacted] from a [redacted] or more months ago, would show up in the near future [redacted] of many of the top hoodlum figures. In view of the numerous new [redacted] including the [redacted] the feeling was expressed by several acquaintances that these [redacted] are now coming out into the open. In further identifying [redacted] CI

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advised that he also has a [redacted] and that [redacted] is the [redacted]

CI reported that it has been mentioned that [redacted] and possibly others are now on a [redacted] in some of the [redacted] CI stated it is doubtful if [redacted] actually went as [redacted]. CI also heard the report that the [redacted] has opened an [redacted]

CI advised that it was somewhat of a surprise to learn that [redacted] was one of [redacted]. CI explained that a month or two ago CI started to go into [redacted] but on observing that it was nothing more than a [redacted] CI went elsewhere. At that time CI noted that there was very [redacted] in the place and now in view of the identity of those involved in [redacted] it is CI's opinion that the place [redacted] with the intent of [redacted]. It is noted that [redacted] was [redacted] and was [redacted] and [redacted]

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CI commented in connection with recent reports that [redacted] that he reportedly will [redacted]

CI advised that [redacted] JOHN MANGIARACINA on [redacted] made the comment that there is considerable dissension among the Italian Hoodlums against NICHOLAS CIVELLA. He commented that when CHARLES BINAGGIO was "in power" he would not [redacted] and when someone got into trouble BINAGGIO spent the necessary money to get them out of trouble without asking that he be repaid. [redacted] that NICHOLAS CIVELLA has [redacted] and if any [redacted] to aid someone in trouble this person is advised of the amount he is expected to pay.

SAC [redacted] 11/9/61

SAC [redacted]
DON W. WALTERS

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CI, at informant's residence in the presence of [redacted] furnished the following information on the night of 10/30/61:

BUSTER DALESTRERE of Milwaukee has been in Kansas City since 10/21/61, when he attended the Kolle-Darbor wedding. He has been seen on several occasions with THOMAS "Highway" SIRONE, who is known to be very close to JOE GUERRA, a brother-in-law of DALESTRERE. CI advised that although no information has been furnished as to where DALESTRERE is [redacted] it is believed he would [redacted] who reportedly [redacted] CI advised that BUSTER DALESTRERE is known in the Italian underworld as a "Little Joe", which is mold Mafia term meaning a "killer". Also he has been considered a "Little Joe" as far back as the days of CHARLES DIMAGGIO when LOUIS CANGELOSE was first considered a "Little Joe" for the Italian criminal element. CI added that there has been some feeling that BUSTER DALESTRERE was one of those involved in the Kansas City gangland killing of CHARLES DIMAGGIO in April 1950.

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CI advised that information had been received from a very reliable source, which informants did not want to disclose at this time, that "The Clique" has a financial interest in many more legitimate businesses than even those close to this element know about. CI stated this source indicated that they have an interest in a number of [redacted]. One of the [redacted] specifically mentioned was the [redacted] which is reportedly [redacted] name was

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1-KC 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA)
1-KC 92-116 (NICHOLAS CIVELLA)
1-KC 92-117 (ALEX PRESTA)
1-KC 92-263 (MAX JADEN)
1-KC 92-320 (JOE GUERRA)
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mentioned as having an [redacted] This same source reported that NICHOLAS CIVELLA reportedly had an [redacted] ago and was thought to have been [redacted]

It should be noted that [redacted] previously reported that the [redacted] the [redacted] were very close friends of CARL ELENA and that "The Clique" reportedly had [redacted] Further, they were [redacted] and were forced to [redacted] It is known that the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department found [redacted] in connection with [redacted]

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CI reported it is understood that NICHOLAS CIVELLA expects to [redacted] in the [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] CI that he did not [redacted] as he had [redacted]

JOHN MANGIAMACINA [redacted] CI that a man in [redacted] who was a [redacted] CHARLES BIMAGGIO had been contacted by him for assistance in the [redacted] MANGIAMACINA claimed to have been [redacted] He claimed that this man made the comment, [redacted] I would do anything but if [redacted] came to me I couldn't do anything for [redacted] CI stated this comment referred to NICHOLAS [redacted] and their close [redacted]

CI advised that ALEX PRECTA is also reported to be [redacted] is reported to be on [redacted]

According to CI, [redacted] who is associated with the [redacted] has sold all of his [redacted] because of his having to [redacted] not previously [redacted]

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CI, in discussing the status of members of the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department, remarked that some three or four [redacted] and a [redacted] spent considerable time [redacted] the [redacted] had previously [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CI advised that after [redacted] the [redacted] was observed on a number of occasions parked at the residence of [redacted]

SAC, KANSAS CITY [redacted] 11/14/01

CI DON W. WALTERS

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Contact date: 11/8/01
Place: [redacted]
Contacting Agents: DON W. WALTERS and [redacted]

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CI furnished the following information:

JOE CAMICANO [redacted] JAMES DALESTRONE, former leader in Italian organization, now deceased), in [redacted]. They [redacted] after about a month and were subsequently [redacted]. Since that time JOE and WILLIE CAMICANO have been more or less ignored by the leaders of the Italian organization and have been "thrown the scraps" by them.

WILLIE CAMICANO and CAETANO LOCCO have for many years been "Comadic" (ph) (denoting someone who is closer than a blood relative). Of late, CAMICANO has been observed hanging around with THOMAS "THOMMY" DIMONA rather than with LOCCO, which according to CI, may indicate that CAMICANO feels that DIMONA can do him more good than LOCCO. This may also indicate that DIMONA is gathering a group who will be loyal to him in the event there is a change in leadership in the Italian organization which may enable him to take over in that capacity.

JOE and WILLIE CAMICANO are both regarded as vicious and dangerous killers. During the days that CHARLES DIMAGGIO was regarded as the leader of the organization, JOE CAMICANO,

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(1 - 92-264 WILLIE CAMICANO)
(1 - 92-344 [redacted])
(1 - 92-353)
(1 - 92-359 DUSTER DALESTRONE)
(1 - 92-246 LOUIS CANGELOSE)

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DUSTER PALESTRENE and LOUIS "BLACK LOUIE" CARGELONI were regarded as the "Little Joe's" (killers for the organization). b6 b7C b7D

About a month ago, ALBE DESTA, [redacted] and [redacted] allegedly [redacted] which is [redacted]

SAC [redacted] 11/13/61

SA DON W. WALTERS

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Contact date: 11/6/61
Place: [redacted]
Contacting Agents: DON W. WALTERS and [redacted]

CI furnished the following information relative to the slaying of CHARLES BINAGGIO and CHARLES GARGOTTA (April, 1950) based on personal knowledge:

BINAGGIO and GARGOTTA were slain about 8:45 p.m., April 6, 1950. On that evening, just before dinner, BINAGGIO [redacted] JOSEPH FILARDO, [redacted] BINAGGIO called GARGOTTA and told him not to forget their appointment for that night.

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BINAGGIO and GARGOTTA went to the club and were both shot and killed. BINAGGIO and GARGOTTA were both unarmed. BINAGGIO was shot at close range and apparently GARGOTTA [redacted] as he was able to get [redacted] It was apparent that they [redacted] or they would not have been killed [redacted]

The decision to murder CHARLES BINAGGIO was [redacted] and [redacted] (prominent figure, Italian organization, Kansas City). [redacted], a leader in the Italian organization in St. Louis, Missouri, arranged for ANTHONY PATRICK TROMBINO and ANTHONY BRANCATO, two well known Kansas City hoodlums with connections on the west coast, to come to Kansas City and

1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-109
1 - 92-113 (Joseph Filardo)
1 - 92-246 (Louis Cangelosi)
1 - 92-[illegible] (Buster Balestrero)
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participate in the slayings. The latter two, together with BUSTER BALESTRERE (presently a leading figure in the criminal syndicate in Milwaukee) and LOUIS "BLACK LOUIE" CANGELOSE (leading member of the Italian organization in Kansas City) actually murdered BINAGGIO and GARGOTTA. BALESTRERE and CANGELOSE allegedly were the two who actually did the shooting.

CHARLES BINAGGIO was killed at the time and under the circumstances that existed because [redacted] where he planned to [redacted] and permanently [redacted] the Italian organization in Kansas City. Prior to his murder, BINAGGIO had been [redacted] of the Italian organization such as JOSEPH FILARDO and JOSEPH CUSUMANO and had also been at [redacted] He had also promised to [redacted] following the [redacted] and had not been able to deliver. b6 b7C b7D

After the murder, TROMBINO and BRANCATO went to the Phillips Hotel where they cleaned up and then immediately left Kansas City and returned to the west coast. BUSTER BALESTRERE met TONY GIZZO at Eddy's Restaurant at approximately 9:45 p.m., just thirty minutes after the murder.

ANTHONY PATRICK TROMBINO and ANTHONY BRANCATO were both shot to death in TROMBINO's car in Hollywood, California August 6, 1951.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, [redacted] DATE: 11/22/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

CI via phone 11/8/61 advised at 6:30 P. M. he had [redacted] this date when [redacted] came in asking for [redacted] He stated that it was very important that he see him. He claimed that he had been [redacted] and that they claimed [redacted] came in and the two left together and were gone most of the day.

At the [redacted] CI observed THOMAS "Dude" FONTANELLO and [redacted]

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At 4:30 P. M., [redacted] at the [redacted] the automobile of [redacted] which is being driven by CARL CIVELLA. A game was believed to be in progress at this location.

1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-109
1 - 92-114 (THOMAS SIMONE)
1 - 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA)
1 - 92-243 (CARL DE LUNA)
1 - 92-244 (WILLIE CAMMISANO)
1 - 92-254 [redacted]
1 - 92-255 (JAMES CIARLELLI)
1 - 92-261 (SAM PALMA)
1 - 92-267 [redacted]
1 - 92-417 (THOMAS FONTANELLO)
1 - 92-617 [redacted]
1 - 92-618
1 - 92-624
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
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About [redacted], CI observed the cars of CARL CIVELLA, THOMAS SIMONE, and WILLIE CAMMISANO at the Taco House.

CI reported that he received the information that [redacted] about [redacted]

CI reported that [redacted] has been spending considerable time at the [redacted] SAM PALMA. They were observed there together the night of [redacted] CI believes PALMA will be one of those involved in the activity planned on [redacted] CI expressed the opinion that one of the individuals involved may [redacted] and the others may drive. He believes that [redacted] will be shipped by bus. He pointed out that these individuals will [redacted] He also pointed out that [redacted] has a very good friend, a [redacted] who is a well known [redacted] there. He is [redacted] whose name is believed to be [redacted] (Phonetic). This [redacted] occasionally [redacted] and gives him [redacted] He stated the call regarding the [redacted] could have come from [redacted] CI also stated that these individuals occasionally arrange with [redacted] of a friendly [redacted] to [redacted]

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CI reported that BUSTER BALESTRERE of Milwaukee reportedly attended a wedding in Kansas City during the latter part of October and has been in Kansas City since that time.

CI via phone the night of [redacted], reported he had been to [redacted] this date with JAMES CIARLELLI and [redacted] Others there were [redacted]

At 2:30 P. M., 11/9/61, CI observed MAX JABEN and NICHOLAS CIVELLA in [redacted] CI had [redacted]

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[redacted] but remained [redacted] while the others went in. They were still engaged in conversation after about 45 minutes when CI departed. MORRIS KLEIN was observed when he walked from the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was with SAM PALMA and CARL DE LUNA at [redacted] on this date. CI [redacted]

[redacted] CI [redacted]

SAC, [redacted] 11/22/61

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SA DON W. WALTERS

[redacted]

Contact date: 11/13/61
Place: [redacted]

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CI furnished the following information:

[redacted] recently advised that DUSTER BALESTRERE apparently intends to remain in Kansas City rather than return to Milwaukee as he just [redacted] from [redacted] He intends to [redacted] and will [redacted]

[redacted] recently advised that he was soon to [redacted] in Kansas City, Missouri known as [redacted]. The place is to be backed by the Italian organization and is being [redacted] to the [redacted] (Phonetic) located just [redacted] This is being done because the [redacted] has [redacted]

According to [redacted] is not [redacted] these days. He is working too hard at [redacted] going to work every morning at 5:00 A.M. and often working until the place closes at night. He and his [redacted] are not getting along because [redacted] in the [redacted] too and [redacted] to this. [redacted] is also upset because [redacted] with [redacted] and neglecting [redacted]

[redacted] recently [redacted] directly [redacted] and also [redacted] They are also trying to [redacted] but [redacted]

1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-109
1 - 92-112 (GAETANO LOCOCO)
1 - 92-617 [redacted]
1 - 92- (DUSTER BALESTRERE)
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to keep track of the Subject's activities.

3. Through surveillance, endeavor to determine whether subject actively engaged in gambling activities within the purview of ITWI.

ADMINISTRATIVE

An information copy of this report is sent to Kansas City because of their interest in BUSTER BALESTRERE and the possibility that he might return there and also because of their interest in [redacted] and JOHN MOLLE. b6 b7C

Although various spot surveillances have been conducted relative to BUSTER BALESTRERE, no information pertinent to instant case has been obtained. All necessary background information has been obtained and reported in the case bearing the same title as instant character, Anti-Racketeering, Bufile 92-5130, and is not being repeated in this case.

Through informant and as a result of investigation in the case entitled "FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR," an effort is being made to keep abreast of Subject's activities; but since all information included herein is based on informant reports, therefore included in the Administrative Section, no copy of this report is designated for the USA. It is contemplated that physical surveillances will be instituted on the Subject in the immediate future in an effort to provide the basis for determining whether Subject is in violation of ITWI.

The following intelligence-type information has been obtained:

[redacted] provided information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY as follows on the dates indicated:

On [redacted] informant said that on the previous evening he had observed Subject in company with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and an individual who was from Kansas City, according to [redacted] informant observed these 3 individuals. The man from Kansas City was not an Italian, was described as a big blond man around 40 years of age, well dressed, good looking but who [redacted] and generally [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

SAC [redacted] 11-30-61

SA [redacted]
SA DON W. WALTERS

[redacted]

[redacted] on 11-21-61, in the presence of [redacted] at their residence furnished the following information to Agents:

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CI has learned through [redacted] that JOE DI GIOVANNA has [redacted] but does not know whether he still is living in Kansas City or intends to move to St. Louis. CI has also learned that JOE GUERRA has [redacted] and no further information has been received as to whether he still intends to [redacted] in Kansas City.

CI has received no additional information regarding DUSTER DALESTRERE and it is not known whether he is in Kansas City at the present time. CI previously furnished the information that DALESTRERE reportedly would [redacted] and would [redacted] by merely ending the name [redacted] According to CI, this [redacted] the [redacted]. CI also furnished information regarding [redacted] KC file 92-642, which information is set forth in that file in a letter to Phoenix Office.

1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-340 (JOE DI GIOVANNA)
1 - 92-323 (JOE GUERRA)
1 - 92-000 (DUSTER DALESTRERE)
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SAC [redacted] 4/4/92

SA JOHN H. GATTIS, JR. b7D

[redacted]

Date of Contact: 4/3/92

Place of Contact: [redacted]

JOSEPH FRANK GURRERA
AR
KC 92-320

[redacted] advised that GURRERA at one time apparently [redacted] because he [redacted] Approximately a month ago he [redacted] and it is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
CI stated that GURRERA is presently residing in Kansas City and so far as they know intends to stay in Kansas City.

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERI, aka
ITWI
KC 92-303
Milwaukee 92-100
OO: Milwaukee

[redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERI purchased Pappino's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria at 51st and Main, KansasCity, Missouri. He purchased the restaurant from (FNU) [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERI [redacted] is [redacted] at the present time. [redacted] advised BUSTER purchased the restaurant for [redacted] and so far as she knows has nothing to do with its operation. CI's stated BUSTER still resides in Milwaukee and so far as they know does not intend to return to Kansas City to reside.

1 - [redacted]
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1 - 92-303
1 - [redacted]
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WILLIAM SAMUEL GROSS, aka
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KC 92-383

[redacted] advised on [redacted], SAM GROSS, President of the Cleaners and Dyers Local, Kansas City, Missouri, visited ROY LEE WILLIAMS at his residence. According to CI, the reason for the meeting was to persuade WILLIAMS to support Judge JOHN KOPP, Judge of Jackson County Court, who is coming up for re-election. According to CI, KOPP has no visible backing at present and WILLIAMS and the Teamsters locals would aid greatly in KOPP's re-election.

According to CI, KOPP has always been GROSS's "boy".

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 5/15/62

FROM : SA [redacted] (92-New)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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[redacted] were contacted by Agents at their residence on April 25, 1962, and the following information was furnished by [redacted]

CI advised that since [redacted] the subject, [redacted] has been causing considerable difficulty [redacted] and trying to [redacted] which has been [redacted] He has [redacted] and is attempting to name [redacted] which he feels will cause [redacted] She advised that [redacted] were such that this office and [redacted] would have [redacted] supplied the following background data:

[redacted] resides at [redacted] was born on [redacted] and is listed in the phone directory under the name [redacted] is [redacted] better known as [redacted] formerly of Kansas City, Missouri, who is considered one of the old Kansas City hoodlums. He now resides at [redacted] but has some [redacted]

1 - 92-New
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-111 (JOHN MANGIAMACINA)
1 - 92-112 (GAETANO LOCCCO)
1 - 92-116 (FELIX FERINA)
1 - 92-250 (MORRIS KLEIN)
1 - 92-343 [redacted]
1 - 92-642 (PHOENIX CIP, PHOENIX DIVISION)
1 - 92-647 (SAM CARROLLO)
1 - 92-996 (DUSTER BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-737 (JOE CAMMISANO)
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[redacted] a [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] reportedly [redacted] between [redacted] in which the [redacted] is located. He and [redacted] are the [redacted] of this [redacted] is also engaged in some other activities, such as [redacted] in which he [redacted] to a number of [redacted] including [redacted] He also [redacted]

CI advised that she personally knows that [redacted] is engaged in [redacted] and [redacted] young white and negro hoodlums who hang around the [redacted] He [redacted] from [redacted] that he has in various [redacted] Much of this [redacted] whose [redacted] is an [redacted] and from JOE CAMMISANO.

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She stated that she has received this information from comments made [redacted] and that about [redacted] ago he was [redacted] about [redacted] which he obtained from JOE CAMMISANO at [redacted] He was also [redacted] had been [redacted] by the Police Department when it contained some [redacted] and that this had [redacted] He has also made comments that he is concerned about [redacted] believed to be [redacted] in [redacted] who [redacted] which in turn [redacted]

[redacted] is apparently concerned about this [redacted] stated that several [redacted] ago she had [redacted] in the [redacted] at the [redacted] and that her [redacted] of stated that [redacted]

CI could furnish no information as [redacted] which is known to be in [redacted] at the present time. She stated, however, that she believes the majority of [redacted] through his [redacted], and that a check of [redacted] of such [redacted] from legitimate sources would reveal that he is [redacted] than such [redacted] show.

CI advised that [redacted] which is [redacted] and is believed to have [redacted] His [redacted] who is [redacted] on the [redacted] who resides in [redacted] who is believed to have been in considerable difficulty with [redacted] for [redacted] He is believed to have [redacted] and he is [redacted] It is believed that the [redacted] has been making some check of [redacted]

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CI advised that approximately [redacted] ago, shortly following [redacted] a message had been sent [redacted] NICHOLAS CIVELLA [redacted] MORRIS KLEIN. KLEIN [redacted] CIVELLA indicated that anything [redacted] as he was not [redacted] in the matter involving [redacted] He had reportedly stated that he [redacted] CI over the years, and he believes that [redacted].

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] the organized Italian criminal element as he reportedly [redacted] shortly after the death of CHARLES BINAGGIO. He reportedly was not [redacted] by such activity, and he was removed [redacted] this activity, and it was given to an individual by the name [redacted] According to [redacted] he had tried to [redacted] to put him [redacted] of such activities during recent months.

CI advised that [redacted] associates with [redacted] who resides in [redacted] According to [redacted], in about [redacted], indicated that he was engaged in some [redacted] activity at that time.

During the interview with CI's, it was explained that they [redacted] as sufficient time has not elapsed [redacted] Nothing has been heard regarding the activities of JOE GURERA or BUSTER BALESTRERE, other than that the brother of BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE. This report came to their attention from [redacted] in recent weeks.

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[redacted] advised that according to reports from [redacted] has [redacted] but will not [redacted] to frequent this location as she has almost [redacted]. It has been further rumored that GAETANO LOCOCO is not frequenting Gaetano's Restaurant because of restrictions placed on him by the Liquor Control Board but because he had a [redacted] According to [redacted] this difficulty stems from the desire of GAETANO LOCOCO to include [redacted] in the Gaetano Restaurant, which is [redacted]

[redacted] advised that JOHN MANGIARACINA is not doing a good business in his restaurant, and a few weeks ago suggested [redacted]. CI believes that MANGIARACINA continues to handle some stolen merchandise such as furs and wearing apparel, which is [redacted] to various individuals in Kansas City. MANGIARACINA has also owned a number of cigarette, music and pinball machines but has now sold them to an unknown purchaser. [redacted] advised that [redacted] MANGIARACINA could [redacted] and MANGIARACINA had recently told him to not look for [redacted] because of his having [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] informed him about two weeks ago that the [redacted] FELIX FERINA on the [redacted] CI also advised that a [redacted]

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It is suggested that a 92-New file be opened on [redacted] in order that descriptive background and arrest data can be obtained regarding him, and that pertinent information of interest to IRS be furnished that agency.

SAC [redacted] 5/25/62

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SA JOHN H. GATTIS, JR.

[redacted]

Date of contact: 5/22/62

Place of contact: [redacted]

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CI advised that [redacted] JAMES BALESTRERE and [redacted] BALESTRERE [redacted] but did not indicate their locations. BALESTRERE stated that [redacted] (phonetic) and (FNU) [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] of those [redacted] and that [redacted] the [redacted] area. BALESTRERE indicated that [redacted] at the present time are being [redacted] due to the fact that before an individual may [redacted] he must exhibit an [redacted] CI stated that he would attempt to ascertain the location of those [redacted]

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SAC [redacted] 6/11/62

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SA JOHN H. GATTIS, JR.

[redacted]
CI

Date of Contact: 6/7/62.

Place of Contact: [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted on June 7, 1962 and furnished the following information of interest:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2):
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CI advised since last contacted he had been giving a lot of thought and consideration to [redacted] that [redacted] as previously reported, could well have been the [redacted] has been living [redacted] with [redacted] has also been [redacted] He stated [redacted] does not meet the description of either of the unknown subjects, however he would be good for [redacted]

CI stated [redacted] in the past few weeks and although he does not know for sure, one of these individuals might be [redacted] If so, [redacted] is certainly capable of [redacted] and would meet the description of [redacted].

CI stated [redacted] ago after being [redacted] He associated with [redacted] The four of them were going to [redacted]

1 - [redacted]
1 - 91-2724
1 - 92-696 (Bustiano Veto Dalestrero)
1 - 92-104 (Criminal Intelligence)
1 - 92-544
1 - 92-647 [redacted]
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and for some reason or other the [redacted] never came off. While in [redacted] several [redacted] and [redacted] and he always [redacted] to [redacted] He was [redacted] and was [redacted]

CI did not know that [redacted] was [redacted] but stated he would try to find out. He stated that [redacted], and possibly [redacted] would know if [redacted] had been in [redacted]

CI described [redacted] as white male, 40 years, 6', 190 pounds.

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Milwaukee
92-606

CI advised that JAMES BALESTRERE, who he referred to at last contact [redacted] and had [redacted] information concerning [redacted] is thebrother of BUSTIANO BALESTRERE. JAMES BALESTRERE [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri. CI stated he had previously furnished JAMES BALESTRERE's name as TONY, however he has recently obtained information that it is JAMES.

The Milwaukee Division has been advised of the above information.

[redacted]

CI advised he was recently [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri, where [redacted] While there, several younger Italians, whom CI did not know, came to the establishment and [redacted] Also while there, some customers came in and [redacted] some items. This place is nothing more than [redacted] and just about anything can be [redacted] and of course [redacted] it. He also [redacted]

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Other people who were in the establishment were [redacted] It was CI's opinion that [redacted] makes frequent [redacted] and believes he is the one who [redacted] to the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

It is believed that CI can furnish information concerning the following classifications:

LMRDA, LMRA, AR, BR-B, CGR, COM MEN, DESERTER, EXTORTION, FAG, FELONS, FUGITIVES, GAMBLING, GANGS, GIIF, GYPSIES, IMPERSONATION, ITALIANS, ITGD, ITLT, ITOM, ITSC, ITSK, ITSMV, ITSP, IWU, MEXICANS, NEGROES, SS, TFIS, TGP, TH, UFAC-B, WCTA, IGA, ITWI, ITAR, and ITWP.

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) 6/12/62

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) - RUC -

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

Re Kansas City letter to Milwaukee dated 4/30/62. b7D

On June 7, 1962, [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE's brother, who operates Peppino's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria at 51st and Main, Kansas City, Missouri, is named JAMES instead of TONY, as previously reported. JAMES BALESTRERE is presently engaged full-time in the operation of the restaurant. CI stated BUSTER continues to reside in Milwaukee and CI has developed no information reflecting he intends to return to Kansas City to reside.

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1 - Kansas City
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July 13, 1962

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO - SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

FROM - SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) (RUC)

JOSEPH GURERA, aka
AR

BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka
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Reurtel 7-13-62.

1958 Chevrolet, Missouri license [redacted] registered to [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri.

Kansas City indices and Kansas City, Mo. PD records have no information re [redacted] unknown to Kansas City Agents investigating hoodlum activities.

Milwaukee advise Kansas City in event activity re car is deemed worthy of further investigation in Kansas City. b6 b7C

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1 - 92-696

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Information re registration secured from Sgt. [redacted] MSHP, Lee's Summit, Mo.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) RUC

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Director 7/20/62.

For information of the Milwaukee Division, the following information was furnished by [redacted] concerning GURERA on July 30, 1962 to SA JOHN M. GATTIS, JR.:

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CI advised GURERA and his family have definitely [redacted] and have all moved to Milwaukee. GURERA reportedly has a [redacted] there.

CI believed GURERA left the Kansas City area because the "Clique" no longer had any use for him around here. According to CI, GURERA has never been anything more than a "strong arm boy". GURERA's wife is suppose to be from the Milwaukee area and have several relatives residing there and because of this, GURERA moved his family there.

GURERA's contacts and associates in Milwaukee are unknown to CI.

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(1-91-316)
2-Kansas City (1-92-326)
(1-92-696)

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) December 27, 1962

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-320) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka
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Origin: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee letter to Kansas City dated 11-8-62 with regard to captioned case and case entitled "JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka, et al, ITAR," Milwaukee origin, Milwaukee file 100-13, Kansas City file 100-44.

On 12-21-62, [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA's JAMES F. GLONEK and JAMES F. CASSIDY that she is [redacted] GUERRA and EUSTIANO "EUSTAN" BALESTRERE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as both of these men [redacted] Mrs. JOHN (ANN) KOLLE of Kansas City drove to Milwaukee in her 1960 Ford for a family visit with these relatives. While there, they visited with both the GUERRA and BALESTRERE families.

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In view of the above, no further investigation being conducted regarding this visit and Kansas City case 100-44 being placed in an RUC status.

Information copies of this communication being directed to appropriate files in the Kansas City and Milwaukee Division.

4 - Milwaukee (2 - 92-257)
(1 - 100-13)(info)
(1 - 92-100)(info)
4 - Kansas City (2 - 92-320)
(1 - 92-000)(info)
(1 - 100-44)(info)

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February 12, 1963

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK CURERA, aka
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On 2-12-63, the Kansas City Office received information from a source at the Kansas City Star who advised he had received information from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Journal as follows:

JOHN KOLLE, a top Mafia hoodlum in Kansas City, [redacted] name unknown, who is to be married in Kansas City 2-13-63 in an unknown church. A number of prominent Milwaukee and Chicago hoodlums are proceeding to Kansas City to attend this wedding.

Information from the Milwaukee Journal was also supplied to the effect that JOHN KOLLE's wife, maiden name (FNU) MARCHESE, has [redacted] JOSEPH CURERA and DUSTER DALESTRERE. b6 b7C

A review of Kansas City files reflects that JOHN KOLLE, 444 E. 74th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, operates the Sarann Auto Leasing Company, 1404 McGee St., Kansas City, Mo.; KOLLE's wife, ANN, is reflected to [redacted] CURERA and DALESTRERE. Information received by the Kansas City Office concerning KOLLE reflects he grew up with some of the current members of the Italian criminal element in Kansas City, Missouri; however, no information has been secured indicating he is involved in any federal violations. Background information concerning KOLLE was previously furnished the Milwaukee Office by Kansas City letter 11-14-62 captioned DUSTIANO VITO DALESTRERE (Milwaukee file 92-106).

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Preliminary inquiry at Kansas City, Missouri has failed to reflect either the identity of [redacted] of KOLLE or any impending wedding plans in this family. b6 b7C

MILWAUKEE DIVISION, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Will determine through sources and/or informants the information concerning a contemplated marriage in the KOLLE family and/or any expected travel to Kansas City by GURERA or BALESTRERE to attend this wedding.

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DUSTER DALLSTREAM
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JOHN KOLLE
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On 2/12/63 [redacted] advised he had received information from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Journal as follows:

JOHN KOLLE, a top Mafia hoodlum in Kansas City, [redacted] name unknown, who is to be married in Kansas City 2/13/63 at an unknown church. A number of prominent Milwaukee and Chicago hoodlums are proceeding to Kansas City to attend this wedding.

[redacted] advised information from the Milwaukee Journal is to the effect that JOHN KOLLE's wife's maiden name was, unknown first name, MARCHESE; that Mrs. KOLLE [redacted] JOSEPH GUERRA, now a resident of Milwaukee who came from Kansas City some time ago and is described in a 1959 Grand Jury report, not otherwise identified, as a gunman and enforcer. The [redacted] Mrs. KOLLE is [redacted] DUSTER DALLSTREAM who has a long criminal record in Kansas City.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION 92-696-38

At Kansas City will endeavor to identify through sources and informants any racketeering figures involved in the above to determine if there is any Bureau interest.

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MEMORANDUM

To : SAC [redacted] Date: 2/8/63

From : SA ROBERT J. DENEEN

Subject: [redacted] b7D
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EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN DISSEMINATING ANY INFORMATION SET FORTH BELOW SO THAT INFORMANT'S POSITION WILL NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

Date of contact: 2/4/63

[redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] wedding which is to take place in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 15, 1963. The reception will be at the Chase Hotel in that city. [redacted] (phonetic) from [redacted] were [redacted] at the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

Informant stated [redacted] of

1 - [redacted]
1 - 162-2 (Control file)
1 - 92-109 (Control file)
1 - 92-114 (Thomas Simone)
1 - 92-115 (Carl Civella)
1 - 92-116 (Nick Civella)
1 - 92-148 (John Vitale)
1 - 92-243 (Carl De Luna)
1 - 92-244 (Willie Cammisano)
1 - 92-258 (Max Jaben)
1 - 92-262 (Anthony Civella)
1 - 92-271 [redacted]
1 - 92-326 (Joseph Gurera)
1 - 92-470 [redacted]
1 - 92-517
1 - 92-521
1 - 92-532 (Danny Lawson)
1 - 92-554 [redacted]
1 - 92-654
1 - 92-696 (Buster Balestrere)
1 - 92-944 [redacted]
1 - 92-1039 (Desert Inn Hotel)
1 - 92-1046 [redacted]
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[redacted], Kansas City, Missouri. He has a [redacted] through [redacted]. He stated [redacted] in his [redacted] He learned that [redacted] has an [redacted] Informant stated that, if at any time anything should be wanted from the [redacted], this could be easily made available because [redacted] [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

Informant was shown a picture of [redacted], KCMO PD 21404. He stated this picture is ten years old, and he could not identify this man as being [redacted] of whom he previously talked as [redacted] who could be [redacted] in St. Louis. He stated this man could be [redacted] but he was not sure.

[redacted]

Informant stated he is certain that [redacted] NICK CIVELLA and [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted], who is to be [redacted] is called [redacted] Informant is sure that neither [redacted] nor [redacted] He believes that they all [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted], ET AL

Informant stated that [redacted] in Kansas City at the [redacted] or [redacted] From [redacted] he will [redacted] for a couple of weeks at [redacted] in these cities to [redacted] After this he will be [redacted] will be [redacted] and an option at an undetermined [redacted]

On Saturday night, [redacted] informant was at [redacted] and observed the following persons at [redacted]

[redacted] - NICK CIVELLA [redacted], DANNY LAWSON, and "HIGHWAY" SIMONE.

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[redacted] - JOHN VITALE and two unidentified Italian men from St. Louis. Informant assumed these men to be [redacted] who, he was told by [redacted] would be in town with VITALE [redacted] VITALE was accompanied by a hard looking blonde girl in her 30's. During the evening [redacted] and [redacted] were walking around helping out.

On Saturday afternoon [redacted] This was attended by VITALE, the above-mentioned girl, [redacted] VITALE [redacted] and a large woman who was apparently [redacted]. After the [redacted] VITALE and "HIGHWAY" SIMONE walked together to [redacted] which is on the same side of the street and south of the [redacted]. They remained in [redacted] engaged in conversation for some time. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

Informant stated he was at [redacted] and observed [redacted] taking in the [redacted] On the same night [redacted] and [redacted] were together at the [redacted] was also part of the group.

WILLIE CAMMISANO

Informant stated that Wednesday afternoon he was at [redacted] WILLIE CAMMISANO came in and went to the [redacted] "HIGHWAY" SIMONE.

[redacted]

According to informant, [redacted] that he is [redacted] This arrangement has been going on for some time and will continue for only two or three weeks more. Apparently [redacted] and after a certain period of time, during which he will have received a [redacted] is still disgusted with his [redacted] is doing so well with the [redacted]

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CARL DE LUNA

Informant advised that CARL DE LUNA was at [redacted] watching the [redacted] He has often seen DE LUNA at the [redacted], where he seems to be a good friend of SAM PALMA. b6 b7C b7D

MAX JABEN

Informant did not observe this but stated [redacted] told him that MAX JABEN was at [redacted]

[redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] who is the [redacted] at [redacted] most of the time. He is [redacted].

[redacted]

Informant stated [redacted] actually [redacted] for ANTHONY CIVELLA. He formerly had [redacted] He is described as age 45, thinning hair, wears glasses; 5' 7", 160 pounds.

DESERT INN HOTEL

Informant stated he believes there is a definite tie-in between the hoodlums of Kansas City and the Desert Inn Hotel of Las Vegas, for the following reasons:

1) [redacted] stayed at the hotel while they were in Las Vegas, and at the time they left they were told there was [redacted]

2) [redacted] will be playing the Desert Inn when he goes to Las Vegas.

3) When [redacted] was in Las Vegas as previously reported by informant some months ago, he stayed at the Desert Inn.

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4) It seems to informant that whenever anyone from Kansas City goes to Las Vegas they stay at the Desert Inn Hotel.

JOSEPH GURERA & BUSTER BALESTRERE

Informant stated he has not seen or heard anything about JOEY GURERA from Milwaukee being in town.

Informant was shown a picture of BUSTER BALESTRERE and stated he has not seen this man around.

MISCELLANEOUS

Informant stated he has not had an opportunity to return to [redacted] and is therefore unable to obtain any additional information on [redacted]

Informant has not seen [redacted] around town in recent weeks and wonders whether he could not possibly already be [redacted], possibly even [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Rememo of SA [redacted] dated 1/30/63 captioned "UNSUB; Subscriber to Telephone Number LO 1-4436, IGA," KC file 162-191:

Informant was questioned as to whether he knew the identity of any of the employees of [redacted] with unproductive results.

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On February 5, 1963, at 3:55 p.m., [redacted] advised SA ROBERT E. KENT that THOMAS "HIGHWAY" SIMONE's mother, who had been seriously ill for many weeks, died about 1:00 p.m. on this date.

SAC, San Francisco [redacted] 2/12/63

SAC, Kansas City [redacted]

Former [redacted]

The Kansas City Division is presently attempting to develop information concerning the backgrounds of the DALESTRINE family, as well as information concerning JOE CURRIA, who has been identified by a St. Louis informant as a member of the "family."

The San Francisco Division is requested to contact former [redacted] and secure details concerning each individual member of the DALESTRINE family with whom he is acquainted. It is to be noted there are two DALESTRINE families in the Kansas City Division, one family was the family of "BIG JIM" DALESTRINE, who was a political leader and whose widow is JOSEPHINE; the other DALESTRINE family is that of DESTIN DALESTRINE. Investigation in Kansas City fails to reflect the name of DESTIN'S parents or members of this particular family. It is believed that the father of this family may have been FRANK DALESTRINE. b7D

The St. Louis informant, previously mentioned, has identified JOSEPH CURRIA as a member of the "family" in Kansas City. The files of the Kansas City Division reflect a discrepancy with regard to the ethnic background of CURRIA. This discrepancy concerns whether or not CURRIA would be of Mexican or Italian descent. Birth records reflect that JOSEPH CURRIA was born 7/5/25 to CARL CURRIA and ELIZABETH MANGIAMCINO of 525 Forest Avenue. ELIZABETH MANGIAMCINO has been described as a relative of JOHN MANGIAMACINA, a well known criminal figure in Kansas City. It is requested that former [redacted] furnish whatever information he may have concerning the ethnic background of CURRIA'S father, in view of the fact that informants in New York have advised that the only members of the "family" are those whose ancestors were Italian only.

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(1-92-[illegible]) (DESTIN DALESTRINE)
(1-92-320) (JOSEPH CURRIA)
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SAC (92-326)

February 13, 1963

SA ROBERT E. KENT

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
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Re Kansas City airtel 2-12-63.

On 2-12-63, Major [redacted] Chief of Detectives, Kansas City , Mo. PD, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF of the following information:

On 2-12-63, Chief of Police CLARENCE KELLEY received a call from a reporter of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Sentinel requesting cooperation concerning a forthcoming hoodlum marriage in Kansas City, Mo., which might be attended by hoodlum figures from the Milwaukee area. The Sentinel intends to send a reporter from this paper to Kansas City to cover this wedding. Possible attendees would be JOSEPH GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK BALESTRERE, all hoodlum figures from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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The marriage in question was to be that of [redacted] to be held at 11:00 a.m., 2-13-63, at the Holy Cross Church, 5106 St. John, Kansas City, Mo. Major [redacted] advised that [redacted] was a young man and possibly the [redacted], deceased, who in the 1930's was reputedly a hoodlum figure in Kansas City. No hoodlum or racket connections of the [redacted] family were known, and this family [redacted] in Kansas City, Mo. [redacted] was not known to be involved in any hoodlum matters and is possibly [redacted] of Milwaukee.

On 2-13-63, Supervisor ROBERT E. KENT telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and spoke to SAC PAUL H. STODDARD who advised:

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[redacted] concerning hoodlum

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and racket activities in Milwaukee and particularly around the BEIRNET murder. He has some knowledge of hoodlum figures in the Milwaukee area and is planning to travel to Kansas City in connection with the above-described wedding [redacted] reflecting a meeting of hoodlum figures from Milwaukee with similar figures from the Kansas City, Mo. area. [redacted] has been in contact with the Milwaukee Office in the past, and on 2-12-63 solicited information from that office as to whom he might contact in Kansas City for assistance. He was referred to Chief of Police KELLEY. b7D

Since the BEIRNET murder, GURERA and the two BALESTRERES have been observed in the Milwaukee area and are not known to be in hiding. Upon Bureau instructions the Milwaukee Office has withdrawn from the investigation of the BEIRNET murder although no publicity was to be given to this fact. As a result of this murder, a great amount of publicity and political interest has been created concerning racket and hoodlum activities in Wisconsin generally.

The Milwaukee Office has no information as to possible travel plans of GURERA and the two BALESTRERES to attend this wedding. FRANK BALESTRERE was observed in Milwaukee as of 3:30 p.m. 2-12-63.

SAC STODDARD was advised the Kansas City Office planned a discreet coverage of this wedding to identify possible out of town attendees and through informants and sources efforts would be made to determine if Milwaukee hoodlums visited Kansas City in this connection. The Milwaukee Office should be kept advised of this matter. SAC STODDARD advised that this was satisfactory.

February 13, 1963

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TELETYPE U R G E N T

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054) AND
SACS, MILWAUKEE (92-262) AND
CHICAGO

FROM - SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-935)

THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION, ET AL, MILWAUKEE DIVISION, AR - CONSPIRACY. OO MILWAUKEE.

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL FEB. TWELVE AND MILWAUKEE RADIOGRAM FEB. THIRTEEN, BOTH INTEROFFICE.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BOTH MILWAUKEE OFFICE AND KANSAS CITY, MO. PD INDICATING POSSIBLE TRAVEL OF JOSEPH GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE AND FRANK PETER BALISTIERI, ALL HOODLUM FIGURES IN MILWAUKEE, WISC., TO KANSAS CITY, MO., FEB. TWELVE DASH THIRTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. PURPOSE OF TRIP TO ATTEND WEDDING OF [redacted] AGE [redacted], BOTH RESIDENTS KANSAS CITY, MO. WEDDING HELD ELEVEN A.M. TODAY AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, KANSAS CITY, MO. SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION FOR BOTH MILWAUKEE OFFICE AND KANSAS CITY, MO. PD IS [redacted] [redacted] CURRENTLY IN KANSAS CITY, MO. MILWAUKEE OFFICE ADVISES [redacted] CONCERN-

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ING GATHERING OF TOP HOODLUMS OF MILWAUKEE, CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY, SHOULD THEY GATHER AT THIS WEDDING.

DISCREET COVERAGE OF WEDDING AND LOGICAL RESIDENCES FAILED TO REFLECT ANY ATTENDANCE BY KNOWN HOODLUM FIGURES. NO OUT OF TOWN AUTOS LOCATED. COVERAGE BY KANSAS CITY, MO. PD ALSO NEGATIVE. INFORMANTS AND SOURCES ALERTED BUT HAVE DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION THAT GURERA OR BALESTRERES PRESENT IN KANSAS CITY, MO. MILWAUKEE INFORMANT HAS ADVISED GURERA AND BUSTER BALESTRERE PRESENTLY MISSING FROM MILWAUKEE.

FAMILY OF [redacted] HAS NO KNOWN HOODLUM CONNECTIONS. [redacted] NOT KNOWN TO ASSOCIATE WITH HOODLUM OR RACKET FIGURES. HIS RELATIONSHIP TO BUSTER BALESTRERE IS THAT OF [redacted] WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT CONTINENTAL HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, MO. THIS EVENING. KANSAS CITY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED CONTACTS TODAY RE THIS WEDDING AND POSSIBLE HOODLUM CONNECTIONS FROM BOTH KANSAS CITY STAR AND [redacted].

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DISCREET COVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED BY KANSAS CITY OFFICE AND THRU INFORMANTS AND SOURCES . CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO

ADVISE OF ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATING TRAVEL BY HOODLUM FIGURES TO KANSAS CITY, MO. IN THIS CONNECTION. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

SAC [redacted] 2/27/63

SA JOHN H. GATTIS, JR.

[redacted]
CI

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Date of Contact: February 13, 1963
Place of Contact: [redacted]

THE GAMBLING OPERATION
6004 West 39th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri,
92-1050

CIs advised that they have no knowledge of a gambling operation located at this address and they have no knowledge of anyone who may be associated with this gambling operation. They further advised that should they receive any information they would advise the writer.

DUSTER DALESTRERE
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CIs advised that DUSTER DALESTRERE who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been in Kansas City for at least the past [redacted] due to the fact that [redacted] last week and the fact that he is still here because he is to attend a wedding of [redacted]. They indicated that they feel he may be in Kansas City to get away from Milwaukee for a while due to the fact that they assume that [redacted] hoodlums in Milwaukee [redacted] They indicated that since DALESTRERE's [redacted] that he undoubtedly would use this as his excuse for being in Kansas City. They stated that they did not [redacted] or [redacted] however, JOHN LOMBE indicated to them that

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BALESTRERE attended the wedding and KOLLE also indicated that he thought he saw some individual taking photographs of the wedding guests and he felt that it was possibly Agents of the FBI. CIs stated that if JOE GUNNER attended the wedding, they had no knowledge of it.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [redacted] (P)

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Re Kansas City letter dated February 12, 1963.

[redacted] was interviewed on February 25, 1963. He advised that he knew BUSTER BALESTRERE's father by the name of "SUCHICO." He added that he did not know how to spell the first part of the name, but did recall that the last part was "CHICO." (It is possible that the name is "ZIO CHICO," meaning "Uncle FRANK" in Italian.) He stated that BUSTER's father was retired when informant was [redacted] and in the early days he sold fish from a wagon. Informant stated that he died when the informant [redacted] He stated that he did not know the mother of BUSTER BALESTRERE.

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Informant advised that BUSTER has a brother by the name of JIMMIE BALESTRERE and he used to work at the Downtown Bridge Club as a "crap" table dealer. He stated that he last saw JIMMIE about [redacted] when JIMMIE had returned to Kansas City from either Reno, Lake Tahoe or Las Vegas where he had been working the gambling casinos. He stated that JIMMIE has [redacted] and he believes they are still living in Kansas City.

He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, about four or five years ago and when informant last saw BUSTER in Kansas City [redacted], BUSTER [redacted]" Informant stated that he tried to [redacted]

Informant stated that the details of his meeting with BUSTER have previously been furnished to agents of the Bureau

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and the details as to date, time and who was with BUSTER were given at that time when they were clear in the informant's mind. Informant advised that he believes BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE G, who is JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, may have [redacted] however, he is not sure, but knows that these two men are very close.

He stated that JAMES "BIG JIM" BALESTRERE was a political power in Kansas City and controlled part of the PRENDERGAST political machine. He added that "BIG JIM" in his day was the "man" or "leader" of "The Clique" in Kansas City. Informant stated that [redacted] whose name he can't recall, of "BIG JIM" is [redacted] in the Teamsters Union, Local 955, in Kansas City. He stated that [redacted] of this local and it is possible that [redacted] is no longer with the Union. Informant feels that possibly SUCHICO and "BIG JIM" were brothers, as he recalls that "BIG JIM" was known as "Uncle" to both BUSTER and JIMMIE.

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INformant identified the photograph of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, FBI No. 4059366, Kansas City PD No. 46592, as the photograph of the person he referred to as JOE G. He stated that he has [redacted] by the name of [redacted] CARL GURERA, the father, was killed by members of the MANGIARCINA family, because CARL GURERA mistreated and beat his wife, ELIZABETH MANGIARCINA. He stated that JOE G. was a young kid at the time of the killing and this has been the story that has been told as the reason for the killing. Informant stated that JOE G. is a "muscle man" and is in solid with the members of "The Clique" in Kansas City, Missouri. Informant stated that JOE G. is a Sicilian, as were his parents. Informant stated that he is not acquainted with the family background of CARL GURERA and was never told of his activities in "The Clique," if he was considered a member.

Optional Form No. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 2/25/63

TO: SAC, [redacted]

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FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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The following information has been furnished by [redacted] on the dates indicated. Where appropriate significant information has been furnished orally or by routing slip to the Agents handling the substantive case files.

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1 - 92-255 (JAMES CIARELLI
1 - 92-254 [redacted]
1 - 92-244 (WILLIE CAMMISANO)
1 - 92-986 [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-417 (THOMAS FONTANELLO)
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA)
1 - 92-590 (GEORGE HARRIS)
1 - 92-257 [redacted]
1 - 92-252 (THOMAS CACIOPPO)
1 - 92-532 (DANNY LAWSON)
1 - 92-261 (SAM PALMA)
1 - 92-624 [redacted]
1 - 92-116 (NICHOLAS CIVELLA)
1 - 92-473 (ANTHONY GARGOTTA)
1 - 92-148 (JOHN VITALE)
1 - 92-111 (JOHN MANGIARCINA)
1 - 92- [redacted]
1 - 92-290
1 - 92-243 (CARL DE LUNA)
1 - 92-262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA)
1 - 92-578 [redacted]
1 - 92-246 (LOUIS CANGELOSE)
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-114 (THOMAS SIMONE)
1 - 92-946 [redacted]
1 - 92-273 (MIKE LASCOULA)
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CI advised that JAMES CIARELLI had left on the previous Saturday night, which would have been 2/2/63, for a visit of a week or ten days to Las Vegas. He is reported to visit the area of the S nds Hotel when he is in Las Vegas, and CI feels that [redacted] may have helped him go to that location. CIARELLI has a long time [redacted] in Las Vegas; however, CI does not know her name. He stated that this girl [redacted] CIARELLI, and recalls that she [redacted] while CIARELLI was incarcerated in the Clay County Jail.

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CI advised that the [redacted] did exceedingly [redacted] over the past weekend, but that [redacted] and WILLIE CAMMISANO are not getting along. CI believes that one of these individuals will [redacted] to the other in the near future, due to their disagreement. JAMES CIARELLI, [redacted], and JAMES DUARDI were all [redacted] on the night of [redacted]. THOMAS FONTANELLO visited [redacted] on the prior Saturday.

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BUSTER BALESTRERE has a brother who is [redacted] and there is a [redacted] BALESTRERE who is [redacted] individual and is possibly [redacted] (Subsequently identified as [redacted]

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CI advised that CARL CIVELLA [redacted] were together on this date. He stated that the opinion concerning [redacted] was handed down by [redacted] on this date, and [redacted] was to call telephonically to [redacted] and tell him of this matter. [redacted] is still in [redacted]

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CI stated that JAMES DUARDI, [redacted] and TOM CACIOPPO were at the [redacted] on the previous day: [redacted] while at the [redacted] but he does not know the purpose of the amount of this money.

CI advised that CI observed DANNY LAWSON at the [redacted] at 11:15 A.M., this date. LAWSON was driving a 1958 four door, blue Oldsmobile, automobile.

SAM PALMA was observed at the [redacted] at 11:00 A.M.

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CI stated that [redacted] with [redacted] for a short [redacted] the afternoon of this date. CI does not know the purpose of [redacted], but from conversation he has overheard indicates that [redacted] may be going to [redacted] area.

CI stated that he observed this date, [redacted] coming from the top floor of the apartment building owned by CARL CIVELLA at 5th and Troost. CI stated he is positive [redacted] came from the top floor, and this is where the gambling is taking place. (Prior information from CI indicated gambling by telephone was taking place in this building.)

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CI advised that a friend of GERTIE GARGOTTA had parked a 1963 red Bel Air Chevrolet in front of GARGOTTA'S home immediately prior to contacting the writer. (A surveillance failed to reflect this car.)

CI advised that THOMAS SIMONE wants to [redacted] with WILLIE CAMMISANO in [redacted] and get [redacted]. CI advised that the wake of THOMAS SIMONE'S mother was being held on this date, and that he understands that JOHN VITALE of St. Louis, will be in attendance at this wake.

CI observed DANNY LAWSON with JOHNNY MANGIARCINA and his wife on the prior evening. b6 b7C b7D

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CI advised that at the wake for THOMAS SIMONE'S mother, virtually every criminal figure of importance in Kansas City attended. CI advised that due to personal reasons CI could not attend for an extended period of time, but does know that JOHN VITALE and three other individuals from St. Louis were at the wake and they stayed at the Hyde Park Hotel.

WILLIE CAMMISANO, was one of the few individuals who did not attend the wake due to an illness.

CI advised that an explosion wrecked the bowling alley located in the vicinity of 55th and Troost CI advised that [redacted] CI advised that this individual's first name was [redacted] and it is his opinion this was an arson job, although he has nothing on which to base this statement other than the fact that the location had been doing very poor in a business sense. He stated he observed nothing unusual about [redacted].

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CI advised that JAMES DUARDI [redacted] were [redacted] for the past few days. [redacted] was still out of town over the prior weekends. CI was of the opinion that [redacted] was an important trip due to the fact that he did not [redacted]

CI advised that [redacted] has been at [redacted]. CI advised that he observed [redacted] [redacted] with an individual who [redacted] [redacted], but he does not know this individuals name or what the purpose of this was.

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CI advised that ANTHONY CIVELLA, CARL DE LUNA, [redacted], and one of the [redacted] to [redacted] on this weekend for the purposes [redacted] He stated that a number of other individuals had driven to this location, but he is not certain of who it was. (Verified through informants and subsequent investigation)

CI stated that he observed [redacted] talking to [redacted] at twelve noon on this date. CI stated that [redacted] returned Saturday at two p.m. from [redacted] however, he has not spoken to anyone about where he was or what he was doing.

CI advised that he saw [redacted] and LOUIS CANGELOSE at the [redacted] on this date.

[redacted]

SAM PALMA [redacted] on the prior Sunday night and is attempting to [redacted] however, the location is not known.

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CI advised that [redacted] being [redacted] JAMES DUARDI had fallen through due to the [redacted] through non-payment [redacted]

CI advised that CARL CIVELLA, NICHOLAS CIVELLA, LOUIS CANGELOSE, and many other prominent criminals attended the funeral of THOMAS SIMONE's mother. It is CI's opinion that THOMAS SIMONE is quite important in the criminal element in Kansas City, since virtually everyone attended this funeral, and they would not have done so if he was not important.

CI could furnish no information concerning the bank burglars of the Bank of Leadwood, Missouri.

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CI advised that LOUIS CANGELOSE has been [redacted] who is small and has black hair. CI stated that CANGELOSE seemed to be quite infatuated with this girl. CI advised that on this date [redacted] had occasion to speak to [redacted] while with [redacted], mentioned that some [redacted] had interviewed MIKE LASCOULA and had indicated that if it was not for MIKE LASCOULA, he [redacted] would be in bad shape. While speaking to [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] almost daily at [redacted] located near the [redacted] [redacted], and usually stops by this location about 10:00 A.M. each day.

CI stated that JAMES DUARDI was driving a four door gray green Cadillac, bearing California plates. This Cadillac had its transmission go out and is being repaired at Bergotta's Garage in the Northeast area. He is presently driving a 1957 Chevrolet blue green, four door sedan.

WILLIE CAMMISANO, [redacted], JAMES DUARDI, and [redacted] were all at the [redacted] on the prior evening.

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CI advised that the [redacted] was being [redacted] is being added, which was a former [redacted] located to the [redacted] location.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/19/63

STEVE PLAS was interviewed at the Miller Pontiac Company, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time he was advised that he did not have to make any statements, that any statements made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

Mr. PLAS stated that he has been interviewed on numerous occasions by FBI investigators and other Federal agents and because of this is well acquainted with what his constitutional rights are and pointed out that he had no reservations whatsoever about speaking to Government agents.

Mr. PLAS stated he is presently residing at 401 North Chelsea with [redacted] said his [redacted] and the other [redacted]. PLAS stated that he returned from Tampa, Florida, to Kansas City during the summer of 1962, and since that period has been employed by Jerry Green Company, self-employed in a small auto-wrecking business, and presently employed by the Miller Pontiac Company in the used car department.

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He stated that he has had very little success in a financial sense since returning to Kansas City, and in fact, has been unable to make three monthly payments due on his residence in Tampa, and he thinks he is close to losing that home. He advised that the salary at Miller Pontiac is based on commission only and has been very unsatisfactory.

PLAS stated that he returned to Kansas City from the Tampa, Florida, area due to the fact that [redacted] were very lonely in that locality. He advised that he very likely will return to the Tampa area during the fall of 1963, if conditions do not improve in Kansas City insofar as his income is concerned.

PLAS advised that there have been a number of new Pontiacs sold to friends of his from the Italian area of Kansas City, Missouri, but he has not made any of these sales. He stated even though some of these individuals were old friends, they did not see fit to contact him in regard to

Boston Bonestere

On 2/14/63 at Kansas City, Missouri File # ~~KC 92-32~~ 92-696-46

by SAs [redacted] GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF :lp Date dictated MAR 1 1963

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these purchases. He mentioned that [redacted] has sold several of these automobiles.

PLAS stated that it is true that he has been fairly friendly in the past with NICHOLAS CIVELLA and describes CIVELLA as [redacted]. He said that he has no knowledge concerning CIVELLA's activities, but recognizes that CIVELLA is one of the leaders of the Italian element in Kansas City. He pointed out that he sincerely believes CIVELLA has been misunderstood by many people in Kansas City and added that CIVELLA has been instrumental in keeping young Italians out of the criminal field; keeping narcotics out of Kansas City; and putting an end to the beatings and other activity which was prevalent in Kansas City for many years prior to recent years.

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PLAS advised that he has had very little, or no, contact with NICHOLAS CIVELLA since returning to Kansas City, but mentioned that he has never contacted CIVELLA for any favor due to the fact that he believes CIVELLA "must have numerous individuals in line for such favors." He stated that he has no knowledge concerning any criminal activities on the part of CIVELLA, but pointed out that due to his limited association with CIVELLA, he does not know what CIVELLA's activities might be.

He stated that CIVELLA is an unusual individual in view of the fact that he has a very fine home life with [redacted] and, to his knowledge, has never [redacted]

PLAS stated that several years ago, he had filed an application for pardon in relation to prior prison terms and feels that this application was denied due to his association with CIVELLA. He stated that he has engaged in no criminal activity in the past ten or twelve years and, although he had previously associated with women other than his wife, he has for the past twelve years been faithful to her and feels that he has the finest wife that a man can have.

When asked regarding the statement he had made to the effect that CIVELLA does not condone immorality and the fact that many of CIVELLA's associates are known to have girl friends other than their wives, PLAS pointed out that NICK CIVELLA cannot control this factor when it involves certain individuals such as his brother CARL CIVELLA and his nephew

ANTHONY CIVELLA. He stated he believes these individuals and others like them become associated with other women through their invironment. By this, he means these individuals continually spend long hours during the course of each evening in various bars and nightclubs, and PLAS was of the opinion that it is inevitable that if one visits these locations, personal escapades will result.

He further stated that he is personally acquainted with virtually every individual of Italian descent who was born and reared in Kansas City. He advised that he is acquainted with THOMAS SIMONE, but considered him to be an individual who is different from NICHOLAS CIVELLA. He stated that contrary to CIVELLA's actions of helping individuals, SIMONE is a cold individual who would not help anyone. In addition, in regard to NICK CIVELLA's brother, CARL, he pointed out that although he knows CARL CIVELLA very well, he does not desire to associate with him since CIVELLA is an individual who likes to kid other people, but when he in turn is on the receiving end of such action, he becomes highly emotional and does many "stupid" things. He stated a similar difference exists between [redacted]. He pointed out that [redacted] is very much like that [redacted] is like that of [redacted] NICK; he has more of a sense of responsibility.

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PLAS stated that in relation to [redacted], it is his understanding that [redacted] owes everybody, and that he and THOMAS SIMONE are not on friendly terms.

PLAS advised that he is acquainted with the BALESTRERE family and stated that [redacted] "BIG JIM" BALESTRERE, the former political leader, are [redacted] who is [redacted] There also is [redacted] who is [redacted] but whose last name he does not know.

The other BALESTRERE family, of which BUSTER BALESTRERE is a member, is the family of FRANK BALESTRERE, who resided at 508 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri. Members of this family consist of BUSTER BALESTRERE, who is residing in Milwaukee; VITO BALESTRERE, who is likewise residing in Milwaukee; Mrs. JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City, and the wife of PETER BALESTRERE of Milwaukee. He pointed out that PETER and his wife had a similar last name.

PLAS also pointed out that JOHN MOLLE and his wife, ANN, [redacted], and that he is well acquainted with MOLLE. He stated that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted]

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PLAS stated that another brother of BUSTER is JIM BALESTRERE, who is a widower and for many years worked in Las Vegas, Nevada. He presently resides in Raytown, Missouri, owns Peppino's Restaurant, and has [redacted] who only very recently [redacted] He stated that to his knowledge, JIM and [redacted] and [redacted] have never had any relationship with any criminal activities.

PLAS advised that he does not ever intend to knowingly violate any criminal laws in the future in view of the fact that he "has learned his lesson" from his past activities. He stated that he would very much like to secure an application of pardon at some time in the future because this would give him entry into securing a permit to work in a tavern. He feels that in relation to his previous application fr pardon, the fact that NICK CIVELLA resided in an apartment owned by him was instrumental in his failure to receive same. PLAS stated that he would not furnish any information concerning activities on the part of his acquaintances but wished to state that he has not during recent years been closely enough associated with such individuals as to know of such activities.

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SA [redacted]

JOHN KOLLE
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Re Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee dated 2/12/63, captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR."

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On March 12, 1963, the files of the Jackson County, Missouri, Recorder's Office were checked. File #3-93632, in Marriage License Book 210, page 176, contained a marriage license dated [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Clerk, Recorder's Office, stated that the marriage license has not yet been returned as is required after the marriage has been performed. [redacted] advised that the applicants are allowed a period of 90 days in which to return the marriage license application reflecting the marriage ceremony.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, checked on February 23, 1963, were found to contain a report dated April 24, 1962, regarding JOHN KOLLE, 444 East 74th, Kansas City, Missouri. His former residence is listed as 3636 Gladstone. KOLLE has been on file since 1931. He is 44 years of age, married, [redacted]. He is employed as president of the Saraan Auto Leasing Company, 1404 McGee. The report reflects that KOLLE's credit is satisfactory. He is reportedly known well at the Central Bank by [redacted]

KOLLE was previously a partner in the Jewalann Auto Leasing Company for a number of years. In 1957 he owned the building located at 422 East 9th and had half-interest in the Delman Inn, which was valued at $35,000.

The files of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Identification Division, checked on February 23, 1963, were found to contain a record of JOHN KOLLE, KCMO PD #60659. He is described as born 12/27/14 in Missouri, white male, 5' 11½", 210 pounds, hair black, eyes brown, married, wife ANN.

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Following is MOLLE's arrest record at the Police Department:

8/24/31 - investigation of liquor - released by Prosecutor 8/25/31

1/9/32 - speeding - fined $25

3/17/32 - disturbing the peace - discharged 3/18/32

2/19/35 - investigation of robbery - released by arresting officers 2/20/35

7/8/38 - careless driving - dismissed without prosecution 7/15/38

8/9/40 - no city auto license - fined $25

10/6/40 - traffic violation - paid fine

6/7/41 - careless driving - fined $5 and 2 days

4/10/47 - careless driving - forfeited $25 bail

7/9/47 - selling liquor to minor - dismissed 8/1/47

12/28/47 - investigation carrying concealed weapon - released by Robbery 12/29/47

5/5/56 - speeding - fined $15

11/3/56 - speeding - fined $15

12/8/60 - speeding - fined $10

3/28/61 - ran red light - fined $6

6/15/61 - speeding - fined $5

7/21/61 - failure to yield - fined $5

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Inasmuch as the investigation has established that [redacted] in [redacted] referred to in reairtel [redacted] JOHN MOLLE, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC (92-109) DATE: 5/14/63

FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
KANSAS CITY DIVISION

The following information contained in this memorandum has been consolidated in order to clarify the relationships existing within the BALESTRERE families. Information contained in this memorandum pertains to the family members of the FRANK BALESTRERE family and the JAMES "BIG JIM" BALESTRERE family. Basic information contained in this memorandum has been obtained from the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and the Kansas City Star morgue. On various dates during the months of February, March, and April, 1963, investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

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1 - 92-109 (CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
1 - 92-125 (JIM BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-392 (JOHN FRANK BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-NEW (ANGELO CHARLES BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-NEW (SAMUEL J. BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-447 (VITO BALESTRERE)
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1 - 92-696 (BUSTER VETO BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-NEW (FRANK BALESTRERE)
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The following is a list of members of the BALESTRERE families and each individual will be treated in more detail under individual captions. Documentation of sources will likewise be furnished under these captions.

JAMES "BIG JIM" BALESTRERE FAMILY

Father	JAMES BALESTRERE
Wife	JOSEPHINE "
Son	JOHN "
Son	ANGELO "
Son	SAM "
Daughter	KATHERINE MUSSO

FRANK BALESTRERE FAMILY

Father	FRANK BALESTRERE
Mother	JOSEPHINE NOVARRO BALESTRERE
Son	BUSTER VETO BALESTRERE
Son	JAMES BALESTRERE
Son	VITO BALESTRERE
Daughter	ANN BALESTRERE MOLLE (Mrs. JOHN)
Daughter	Mrs. MARY BALISTRIERE (Mrs. PETER BALISTRIERI)

It is to be noted that JOSEPH GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] (phonetic). b6 b7C

BACKGROUND RE MEMBERS OF JAMES "BIG JIM" BALESTRERE FAMILY:

JAMES "BIG JIM" BALESTRERE

The records of the Kansas City Star morgue reflect an obituary in the October 20, 1959 edition of the Kansas City Star. This obituary shows that JAMES BALESTRERE died October 19, 1959, and had operated a pool hall and delicatessen at 18th and Forest for many years. He was born near Palermo, Sicily, and had come to the United States when he was eight years old. Upon first arriving in the U. S., he resided with relatives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This article further reflected that during Prohibition he operated a sugar company and later operated gambling establishments at the Green Hills Country Club in Platte County and a bingo game at Linwood and Troost. His relatives were reflected as follows:

Wife	JOSEPHINE
Daughter	KATHERINE MUSSO, Las Vegas, Nevada
Son	JOHN,
Son	SAM, both Kansas City, Mo.
Son	ANGELO Las Vegas, Nevada
Sister	Mrs. KATHERINE DASTA, San Diego, California
Sister	Mrs. LENA CANINO 5733 Euclid, Kansas City, Missouri

MRS. JOSEPHINE BALESTRERE

The following information was obtained from records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City:

BALESTRERE, Mrs. JOSEPHINE
1479 E 78th
70's widow of JAMES

former address: Rt #1 Bethel, Ks.;
508 Harrison;
7058 Leavenworth Rd.;
5421 B'klyn;
633 S 10th - Las Vegas, Nev (1954).

Prior employments:
Delmar Tavern, Bartender;
Pioneer Club.

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JOHN FRANK BALESTRERE

The following was obtained from records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City:

BALESTRERE, JOHN FRANK wife MARY FRANCES
9904 Belleview, KCMO
8802 E 84 (former resident)

Married, 1 child
Teamsters Local 995 (Employment)
located, 116 W Linwood
(Banking Establishments)
Col. Natl. Bank - City Natl. - Traders Natl - B'Way Natl.

Prior addresses: 2112 Linwood; 312 W 85; 2142 Linwood

Employments:

Amer Cable Co.;
Dasta Const.;
No. Amer. Aviation.
Sunflower Ordnance ;
Supr. Liquor Co.;

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The following was obtained from records of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department:

JOHN BALESTRERE
dob 3/9/16
white male, 5'7", 150
9904 Belleview
310 W 85 (Prior residences)
710 Virginia

DATE	CHARGE	ACTION TAKEN
12/9/41	Traff Warr	Not for Ct
2/7/44	Speeding	$10 - 3/6/44
4/10/44	"	$8 - 4/17/44
8/15/45	Liq Viol	$25 8/18/45
	Ord 8662	Appl dsch 8/28/45
6/17/62	Speed	Dism 7/27/62

Polks Kansas City Directory for 1962 reflects JOHN F. (MARY F) BALESTRERE, Business Agent, Department Store, Package Grocery, Paper Office, Liquor and Malt Drivers Local Union # 955, residence 9904 Belleview.

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The following are the results of credit check:

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Report dated 6/2/60
for [redacted]
D/B [redacted] Single.
[redacted]
[redacted] - (banking establishment utilized)

The following is Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department check:

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[redacted]
Date of birth, [redacted]
Employment, [redacted]
Residence, [redacted]

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The following is Police Department Record

Date	Charge	Disposition
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

SAMUEL JAMES BALESTRERE, aka JAMES BALESTRERE

The following is information from files of Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City. (Report dated March 7, 1961)

BALESTRERE, SAM. J., wife, CATHERINE
Residence, 3805 E. 107th St Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.
Age, 38: Married with one child
Former residences reflected as: 3109 Brooklyn, 3536 Woodland, 5421 Brooklyn and 4619 Campbell.
Employment; Boilermakers Union # 83.
Bank utilized: Columbia National Bank.

Notation in file reflects first wife HELEN LOUISE, deceased March, 1949.
Former employments: Safeway Stores, Sherman Package Department, Days Liquor Co.,
(Wife's former employment reflected as Adlers hat bar.)

The following is information from files of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

SAM BALESTRERE, aka JAMES BALESTRERE, KCPD # EX30722, date of birth, August 10, 1922; residence 4619 Campbell, arrested April 5, 1952 on charge of Counterfeit City Auto License.
Residence reflected as 5421 Brooklyn with prior residence in 1958 reflected as 3227 E. 9th Street.

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ANGELO CHARLES BALESTRERE:

The following is information from files of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City. (Report dated February 5, 1960)

BALESTRERE, ANGELO CHARLES, [redacted]
Residence: 1409 Rexford Place, Las Vegas, Nevada
Former residences: 1704 Howard, Las Vegas, Nevada, 11412 Spruce, 5421 Brooklyn, 633 Benton and 306 Gladstone, all Kansas City, Missouri.
Employments: Part-time bowling alley employee and Taxicab driver.

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Records reflect a notice in local paper October 4, 1949 shows BALESTRERE filed an application for bankruptcy. Atthis time he was doing business as National Liquors - 1124 E. 18th Street. Attorney utilized was [redacted]

Records also reflected he was arrested with [redacted] August 14, 1958 at which time he was employed by County Highway Department.

On notes obtained from City National Bank March 4, 1958 and February 17, 1959 co-signers on notes were listed as [redacted] respectively.

A report dated February 10, 1956 reflected BALESTRERE had secured a mortgage from Farm & Home Savings Association.

The following is information obtained from records of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

ANGELO CHARLES BALESTRERE,
KCPD # EX 33478, FBI # 966 469 C
date of birth, April 21, 1924

Alias, "Duke".
Residence. 306 Gladstone.

Father	JAMES BALESTRERE, 5421 Brooklyn
Mother	JOSEPHINE BALESTRERE, same
Brothers	JOHN BALESTRERE, 2112 Linwood
	SAM BALESTRERE, 46th & Campbell
Sister	KATHERINE MUSSO, Las Vegas
US Army SN	37526072

Records reflect one arrest for stealing a tire which charge was dismissed. b6 b7C

Records of Kansas City Star Morgue reflect a plea was made on behalf of ANGELO BALESTRERE by his brother JOHN. Immediately after dismissal BALESTRERE moved to Las Vegas.

KATHERINE MUSSO,
Las Vegas, Nevada

Major Kansas City Missouri Police Department furnished information reflecting KATHERINE MUSSO is married to JOHN LAWRENCE MUSSO, date of birth, May 11, 1914. JOHN MUSSO is employed as a stick man and bookmaker in Las Vegas.

FAMILY OF FRANK BALESTRERE:

The following is information concerning background of the FRANK BALESTRERE family:

was interviewed on February 25, 1963, and advised that he knew BUSTER BALESTRERE's father by the name of "SUCHICO". He added that he did not know how to spell the first part of the name, but did recall that the last part was "CHICO". (It is possible that the name is "ZIO CHICO", meaning "Uncle FRANK" in Italian.) He stated b7D

that BUSTER's father was retired when informant was about [redacted] and in the early days, he sold fish from a wagon. Informant stated that he died when the informant was [redacted] He stated that he did not know the mother of BUSTER BALESTRERE.

Informant advised that BUSTER has a brother by the name of JIMMIE BALESTRERE and he used to work at the [redacted] He stated that he last saw JIMMIE about [redacted] when JIMMIE had returned [redacted] where he had been working the [redacted] He stated that JIMMIE has [redacted] by the name of [redacted] to [redacted] and he believes they are still living in Kansas City.

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He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, about four or five years ago.

He stated that JAMES "BIG JIM" BALESTRERE was a political power in Kansas City and controlled part of the PRENDERGAST political machine. He added that "BIG JIM" in his day was the "man" or "leader" of the "Clique" in Kansas City. Informant stated that [redacted] whose name he cannot recall, of "BIG JIM," [redacted] the Teamsters Union, Local 955, in Kansas City. He stated that [redacted] of this local, and it is possible that [redacted] is no longer with the Union. Informant feels that possibly SUCHICO and "BIG JIM" were brothers, as he recalls that "BIG JIM" was known as "Uncle" to both BUSTER and JIMMIE.

STEVE PLAS, upon being interviewed on February 14, 1963, stated that FRANK BALESTRERE, who resided at 508 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, was the father of BUSTER BALESTRERE, VITO BALESTRERE, and Mrs. PETER BALESTRERE, all residing in Milwaukee, and Mrs. JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City. There is another [redacted] however, PLAS did not know her [redacted].

PLAS also pointed out that JOHN MOLLE and his wife, ANN, [redacted] and that he is well acquainted with MOLLE. He stated that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted] (phonetic).

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PLAS stated that another brother of BUSTER is JIM BALESTRERE, who is a widower and for many years worked in Las Vegas, Nevada. He presently resides in Raytown, Missouri, owns Peppino's Restaurant, and [redacted] who

only very recently [redacted] He stated that to his knowledge, JIM and [redacted] and [redacted] have never had any relationship with any criminal activities.

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FRANK BALESTRERE:

Major [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, furnished information reflecting that FRANK BALESTRERE was married to JOSEPHINE NOVARRO BALESTRERE (note similar first name between FRANK and JAMES BALESTRERE's wives). Children of this marriage were:

ANN BALESTRERE (Mrs. JOHN MOLLE);
JAMES BALESTRERE (wife MARY BUCKNER);
BUSTER BALESTRERE;
MARY BALESTRERE (Mrs. PETER BALISTRIERI);
VITO BALESTRERE (wife ROSE BALISTRIERI);
CATHERINE BALESTRERE.

Records, Milwaukee, Police Department, showed CATHERINE BALESTRERE was married to JOHN PICCURRO, 1523 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee.

The following record of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, may possibly refer to FRANK BALESTRERE:

BALESTRI, FRANK
508 Harrison
Laborer
Born Italy
W - M - age 55 5'8"
Arrested 5/20/31 D13879
Invest Still & Liquor Rel 5/21/31

VITO BALESTRERE:

The following is the record of VITO BALESTRERE obtained from Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department records:

BALESTRERI, VITO
D/B 11/27/02 W M 5'3½" 126
521 Harrison; 1038 # 5th; 508 Harrison; 827 Forrest.

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Date	Offense	Disposition
3/25/23	Poss. Liquor	To Govt 3/26/23
3/22/27	Investigation	No disp. given
3/1/30	Freq. gambling game	" " "
3/8/30	Keeper " "	" " "
4/15/30	Frequenting " "	" " "
8/19/39	Speeding	$5.00 Fine 8/19/39
7/9/53	No City Sticker	Discharged
	Imp State License	$25.00 Fine 7/14/53

BUSTER VETO BALESTRERE

The following is information obtained from records of the Credit Bureau of Kansas City.

BUSTER BALESTRERE, wife, ROSE, resided 1953 508 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri with previous residences reflected as 1668 North Van Buren, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 4206 Benton Blvd, Kansas City, Mo.

Records reflect employment as Bartender, Interlude Bar, 3611 Broadway, with prior employments reflected as Hula Hut, Bartender and Manager, 1946; El Bolero Cocktail Lounge. Records reflect banking establishments as Produce Exchange Bank and Commerce Trust.

The following is information obtained from records of the Kansas City Missouri Police Deapartment.

BALESTRERE, BUSTER VEDO aka BUSTER VITO, date of birth November 16, 1918; height, 5'7"; FBI #1057020; residence, 508 Harrison.

Arrested October 19, 1950 with [redacted], booked for Investigation. b6 b7C

Arrested December 28, 1947 with JOHN MOLLE, 3636 Gladstone, Investigation.

Police Department records reflect Father, FRANK, 508 Harrison.

JAMES BALESTRERE

The following is information obtained from records of the Credit Bureau of Kansas City.

JAMES BALESTRERE, residing 8809 East 84th Street, Kansas City, Missouri has a satisfactory credit rating. Inquiries have been received from Sears Roebuck Company, Shoppers Inc., and Feingolds Furniture.

Records reflect JAMES BALESTRERE, 5048 Main, Kansas City, Missouri had secured a $1,500 loan from the Broadway National Bank on December 6, 1962.

It is to be noted that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Directory reflects Peppino's Italian Restaurant is located 5048 Main.

Polk's cross directory for Raytown, Missouri, reflects JAMES BALESTRERE residing 8809 East 84th Street and employed Peppino's, Kansas City, Missouri.

A pretext interview by Bureau Agents at Peppino's Restaurant on February 4, 1963 reflected that JAMES BALESTRERE was employed at this location.

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Polk's cross directory for [redacted] reflects [redacted] residing [redacted] is employed [redacted] b6 b7C

It is to be noted that STEVE PLAS has furnished information reflecting [redacted] JAMES BALESTRERE. Further that JAMES BALESTRERE is a widower and [redacted] JAMES BALESTRERE previously resided in Las Vegas. PLAS further stated that [redacted]

On March 12, 1963, the files of the Jackson County, Missouri, Recorder's Office were reviewed. File # B-98632, in

Marriage License Book 210, page 176, contained a marriage license dated [redacted] reflecting [redacted] of [redacted] of [redacted] were to be married.

[redacted]

[redacted] JAMES BALESTRERE)

It is to be noted that Lieutenant [redacted] Chief of Detectives, Raytown, Missouri, Police Department, furnished information during November, 1962, that one [redacted] resides [redacted] Cross directory shows [redacted] for the [redacted] (Polk's Cross Directory). It is to be noted that [redacted] has advised [redacted] is [redacted] JAMES BALESTRERE.

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MRS. JOHN MOLLE (ANN BALESTRERE)

The files of the Kansas City Missouri Credit Bureau and interviews with JOHN MOLLE by Bureau Agents, reflect Mr. & Mrs. JOHN MOLLE reside 444 E. 74th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. JOHN MOLLE is employed as President of Saraan Auto Leasing Company and [redacted] JOHN MOLLE has Kansas City Missouri Police Department #60659.

[redacted]

Major [redacted], Kansas City Missouri Police Department advised the above individual resides [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MRS. MARY BALESTRERE

Major [redacted] Kansas City Missouri Police Department advised the above individual resides 1631 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [redacted] DATE: July 10, 1963

FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

All contacts with CI have been made by the writer with the exception of contact made 7/3/63, which was made by SA [redacted] In all cases, where information furnished by CI was pertinent, this information was furnished either by routing slip or verbally to the Agent handling the substantive case file.

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CI advised that the "Broadway Strip" in its various night spot locations has not been doing a large amount of business.

CI stated that the Roaring Twenties, located on Baltimore Street in the 1100 block and operated by MAX JABEN, seems to be doing the best business of all the locations operated by members of the criminal dominated element.

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1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-109 (CONTROL FILE)
1 - 92-970 [redacted]
1 - 87-15241 [redacted]
1 - 91-3232 (Citizens Bank, Smithville, Missouri)
1 - 87-15396 (Unsub Burglaries)
1 - 92-262 (TONY CIVELLA)
1 - 92-261 (SAM PALMA)
1 - 92-114 (TOM SIMONE)
1 - 92-290 [redacted]
1 - 92-590 (GEORGE HARRIS)
1 - 92-252 (TOM CACIOPPO)
1 - 92-986 [redacted]
1 - 92-624 [redacted]
1 - 92- [redacted]
1 - 92-417 (TOM FONTANELLA)
1 - 92-532 (DAN LAWSON)
1 - 92-767 (JOE CUMMINGS)
1 - 92-258 (MAX JABEN)
1 - 92-246 (LOUIS CANGELOSE)
1 - 87-15672 [redacted]
1 - 15-4904 (Theft of Trailer, Chicago, 5/31/63)
1 - 92-521 [redacted]
1 - 92-180 (JAMES DUARDI)
1 - 92-243 (CARL DeLUNA)
1 - 92-244 (WILLIE CAMMISANO)
1 - 92-254 [redacted]
1 - 92-113 (JOE FILARDO)
1 - 92-293 [redacted]
1 - 162-10 [redacted]
1 - 92-271 [redacted]
1 - 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA)
1 - 92-722 (MONK PALMENTERE)
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-NEW [redacted]

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[redacted] which information has previously been furnished. This [redacted] will consist of [redacted] and will be located on [redacted] where a [redacted] was formerly located. The matter holding up [redacted] of this location is the fact that [redacted] wants to obtain the location presently occupied by [redacted] located adjacent to the [redacted] LOUIS CANGELOSE's close associate and CI is of the opinion that CANGELOSE will furnish some of the [redacted]

CI could furnish no information concerning the following matters:

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[redacted] home in [redacted] from residence of [redacted]

In relation to [redacted] CI advised that he has been paying close attention to the matter since he previously reported information concerning [redacted] however, has not seen the [redacted] individuals involved since he previously furnished information concerning them.

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CI stated that [redacted] had returned from Las Vegas, Nevada, but he has not seen him around for the past few days.

TONY CIVELLA took a trip to St. Louis over the prior weekend, however CI does not know the purpose of this trip.

JAMES DUARDI expects to have a number of individuals from San Francisco visiting him approximately 7/1/63 (information furnished later reflects visit of these individuals delayed).

CI stated he observed SAM PALMA and CARL DeLUNA at the Pancake Patio.

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KC [redacted]

THOMAS SIMONE and WILLIE CAMMISANO held a meeting at the House of Tacos on the prior Saturday, however, CI does not know what this concerned, but speculated that it had to do with the operation of the after hours club.

CI stated that [redacted] for a couple days in the past week. CI does not know the purpose of [redacted] but believes [redacted] TOM SIMONE and the criminal element. He speculated that it would be for purposes [redacted] and may have something to do with [redacted] in that city. CI pointed out that [redacted] when in KC was always [redacted] on [redacted]

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CI stated that the CIVELLA brothers are still mad at MAX JABEN and there is speculation that JABEN may be held in disfavor by this group. CI stated he will watch this situation very closely to determine the true feelings of the individuals involved.

CI stated that [redacted] because GEORGE HARRIS [redacted] since the altercation between [redacted] JOSEPH FILARDO at the [redacted] on the prior Saturday night. CI advised that [redacted] individuals apparently visited for a lengthy period of time since CI [redacted] them together on several different occasions covering a period of at least one hour.

CI stated he observed TOM CACIOPPO at [redacted] on this date and that gambling is still occurring at this loation.

THOMAS SIMONE and [redacted] by CI talking at [redacted] on the previous day.

CI stated that the following individuals usually [redacted] is located near the [redacted]

[redacted]

TOM CACIOPPO
[redacted]

These individuals usually [redacted] at this location on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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6/27/63

CI stated that CARL DeLUNA and SAM PALMA played golf at Stayton Meadows Golf Course.

CI stated that he observed TOM CACIOPPO on the prior Tuesday, however, [redacted] was not around.

[redacted] on frequent occasions.

[redacted] were talking to THOMAS SIMONE [redacted] on the prior Tuesday. CI stated that [redacted] infrequently talks to his [redacted] TOM SIMONE and is of the opinion that this conversation must have been of some importance. b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that [redacted] has a friend in the [redacted] who has put in various [redacted] in the [redacted] for him. He stated that he does not know this individual's name, but he is a tall, slender WM who is in his 30s and drives a [redacted] He stated that this individual performed the [redacted] in the [redacted] but from the conversation between this person and [redacted] it is CI's opinion that they are friendly and that this individual would do other work for him.

CI stated that in relation to [redacted] has just [redacted] located on [redacted] (verified through interview of [redacted] at this location by SAs WILLIAM J. QUINN and GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF).

6/28/63

CI stated that SAM PALMA and [redacted] were at the [redacted] on this date. CI stated that [redacted] apologized to [redacted] about the treatment of [redacted] and that [redacted] is consequently again [redacted] is attempting to [redacted] to the [redacted], however CI does not know the first names of these individuals.

CI stated that on the prior night he observed CARL CIVELLA and TOM SIMONE at the [redacted] on the same evening.

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KC [redacted]

7/2/63

CI stated that GEORGE HARRIS had been issued a summons by the KCMOPD on the prior night for not having a city sticker on his automobile. HARRIS was reportedly following the automobile of JAMES DUARDI; however, DUARDI was not stopped. The police upon stopping HARRIS searched the trunk of his automobile; however, found nothing of an unusual nature in this location.

CI stated on the prior Saturday night he observed DANNY LASWON, MONK PALMENTERE and TOM FONTANELLO visiting at the [redacted]

CI stated that TOM CACIOPPO has not been in KC for a number of days; however, he understands that [redacted]

CI stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE was in KC on the prior weekend.

JOE CUMMINGS associates with an individual by the name of [redacted] who is an individual who [redacted] located across [redacted] on [redacted]

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CI stated [redacted] apparently [redacted] to the [redacted] and that JAMES DUARDI no longer worked at this location but may [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted]

CARL CIVELLA and HIGHWAY SIMONE were at the [redacted] on the prior Saturday evening. CI stated he has not seen LOUIS CANGELOSE for over a week.

CI advised that TOM FONTANELLA can always be located in the pool hall located at 10th and McGee Street, KCMO and usually plays pool at this location every afternoon at approximately 3:00 p.m.

CI advised that [redacted] (DO NOT DISSEMINATE DUE TO POSSIBLE JEOPARDY TO INFORMANT).

KC [redacted] b7D

7/3/63

CI advised that on the prior evening, TOM SIMONE, DANNY LAWSON and SAM PALMA were at the [redacted]

CI stated that CI heard [redacted] may invest [redacted] from the [redacted] rather than [redacted]

7/8/63

CI stated that [redacted] was observed by CI [redacted] at the [redacted] on this date and CI does not know whether [redacted] the entire [redacted] or not. CI stated he thinks it would be unlikely [redacted] would be performing such duties if he had [redacted] to the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CI advised that WILLIE CUMMINGS is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, for treatment of sugar diabetes.

CI advised that the individuals from San Francisco who were scheduled to visit JAMES DUARDI on July 1 stopped at Las Vegas and will arrive in KC sometime this week.

CI stated that CARL DeLUNA and ANTHONY CIVELLA were at the gambling location at [redacted] on the prior Sunday and that [redacted], whose first name CI does not know, may have [redacted] this location.

CI stated that TOM CACIOPPO has been visiting Las Vegas with [redacted] and has been there for the past few days.

The individual previously described by CI as visiting KC from New Orleans was again in KC over the prior weekend.

[redacted] is reportedly going to New Orleans to work in a gambling location.

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) 7/24/63

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

[redacted] advised on 7/2/63 that BALESTRERE was visiting in Kansas City on the prior weekend. The above information is being furnished for the benefit of the Milwaukee Division. b7D

[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past and is described as an individual who has virtually daily contact with members of the criminal organization in Kansas City. [redacted] will not testify in any judicial proceedings under any circumstances.

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Date 7-1-63

Mrs. THERESA AMADOR was interviewed at 4109 Blue Ridge Cut Off, Kansas City, Missouri, and stated that she had visited her sister, Mrs. BUSTER BALESTRERE, nee ROSE MARCHESE, for approximately one week in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, beginning on or about June 14, 1963.

She stated that the following are members of her family:

ROSE MARCHESE BALESTRERE, wife of BUSTER BALESTRERE;

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Mrs. JOE GURERA, residing Delmar Boulevard, Johnson County, Kansas

Mrs. AMADOR pointed out the address 4109 Blue Ridge Cut Off utilized by above-mentioned members of her family is due to the fact that this is a very large plot of land, and that the homes of the other individuals in the family are located in the area to the east of her home and are not visible from the road. These homes are serviced by a small road which parallels Mrs. AMADOR's home.

She stated that on the recent vacation trip, she and her husband spent approximately one week in Chicago, Illinois, and then went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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She advised she has no knowledge concerning activities of BUSTER BALESTRERE; however she is aware that on various occasions, investigative agencies have made inquiries concerning him, both of relatives and in the Milwaukee area.

On 6-28-63 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 162-236

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF :mrf Date dictated 7-1-63

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Date: 7/25/63

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Via AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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[redacted] advised on 7/24/63 that subject has moved his family from Milwaukee to Kansas City and plans on living in Kansas City. b7D

Kansas City Division is requested to attempt to ascertain through their informants and other sources whether the subject is living permanently in Kansas City.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC [redacted] DATE: 8-12-63

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

Informant was contacted by the writer on the dates indicated and on those occasions where information was deemed pertinent, it was disseminated to Agents handling the substantive case files, either orally or by routing slips.

7-23-63:

CI was contacted with regard to the robbery of the Kansas City Star Credit Union office and advised with regard to [redacted] various [redacted] has been driving a [redacted] which belongs to an individual [redacted] and has been previously described by informant. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] and [redacted] in the past has [redacted]

TOM CACIOPPO has returned from his trip and was with JAMES DUARDI on the previous day. CI stated that [redacted] JAMES DUARDI and GEORGE HARRIS were all at the [redacted] location at [redacted] the previous day.

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87-15820 (K.C. Star Credit Union)
92-180 (James Duardi)
92-243 (Carl DeLuna)
92-244 (Willie Cummins)
92-246 (Louis Cangelose)
92-252 (Tom Cacioppo)
92-254 [redacted]
92-257
92-261 (Sam Palma)
92-262 (Anthony Civella)
92-293 [redacted]
92-318
92-326 (Joe Gurera)
92-521 [redacted]

1 - 92-522 [redacted]
92-523
92-532 (Danny Lawson)
92-559 [redacted]
92-590 (Geo. Harris)
92-663 (Chester Presta)
92-696 (B.Balestrere)
92-722 (M.Palmentere)
92-871 [redacted]
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92-1179 (Tom Simone)
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7-24-63:

CI stated that in relation to the robbery of the Kansas City Star Credit Union office, [redacted] have all been seen associating with [redacted] during the past weeks and could be logical suspects. (Disseminated to KCMOPD)

CI said SAM PALMA has not been seen by CI during the past week.

THOMAS SIMONE, DANNY LAWSON, [redacted] and WILLIE CUMMINS were associating together at the [redacted] on the previous evening. b6 b7C b7D

7-26-63:

CI stated that [redacted] during the past few days. He said in relation to the [redacted] it is CI's understanding that the money has been [redacted] and that the [redacted] has not taken place yet.

CI said that the barbecue place being opened by THOMAS SIMONE next to the House of Tacos is virtually finished.

CI stated he has seen BUSTER BALESTRERE in Kansas City on two occasions. BALESTRERE has visited the House of Tacos and was accompanied by an unidentified individual on one occasion.

ANTHONY CIVELLA and SAM PALMA were in the Pancake Patio on the previous day.

CI stated that MONK PALMENTERE resides in a residence formerly owned by NICK CIVELLA and owns a bar on 35th Street. PALMENTERE can always be located at the Pancake Patio at about 12:30PM daily. CHESTER PRESTA owns the residence immediately adjacent to that of PALMENTERE. (This information requested by [redacted] of INS and it was disseminated to him) b6 b7C

KC [redacted] b7D

With regard to the whereabouts of [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] just south [redacted], which is on the east side of [redacted]. A [redacted] immediately adjacent to it. (This information disseminated to the KCMOPD)

CI has not seen [redacted] of the [redacted] and has no knowledge as to his whereabouts.

7-29-63:

CI stated that on the previous Saturday night, THOMAS SIMONE and [redacted] held an [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CI advised that on this date he had seen [redacted] located at [redacted], at which time [redacted] was driving a [redacted] (Disseminated to KCMOPD)

CI said in relation to the new barbecue being opened by THOMAS SIMONE [redacted] there is an office located in the southeast corner of this location which office is utilized by SIMONE when he has any [redacted] SIMONE normally leaves this location between 3:00 and 4:00AM.

On the prior Sunday, gamblers were again operating at the location at [redacted] and virtually every known gambler in the Kansas City area visited this location on that date.

7-30-63:

CI stated that [redacted] and GEORGE HARRIS were picked up by the police the previous day and taken to the PD where they were booked for investigation and questioned concerning the robbery of the Kansas City Star Credit Union office. [redacted] attorney secured his release, with [redacted] securing GEORGE HARRIS'S release. CI said he could not understand why GEORGE HARRIS was picked up and he has no knowledge regarding this matter. (See separate memo regarding interview of [redacted]

KC [redacted] b7D

CI stated that LOUIS CANGELOSE and TOM SIMONE were at the [redacted] and DANNY LAWSON had been there previously.

CI said in relation to [redacted] ANTHONY CIVELLA, the only information CI has is that [redacted] and is a white female, 5'8", with [redacted] CI has not seen this girl in recent weeks and has no knowledge as to where she lives.

7-31-63:

WILLIE CUMMINS and HIGHWAY SIMONE were at the [redacted] the previous evening. b6 b7C b7D

CI advised that an unusual situation occurred involving DANNY LAWSON at [redacted] LAWSON sat by himself at [redacted] virtually the entire evening, and looked depressed and worried. CI did not know what was wrong but LAWSON did not speak to any other person. (SA [redacted] advises he conducted a close surveillance of LAWSON on this date)

In relation to JAMES DUARDI [redacted] of the [redacted] get along very well. [redacted] each other and do not [redacted] at all. CI said in relation to the [redacted] these individuals are [redacted] they take from the [redacted] and there is a serious question whether they have enough to complete the [redacted]

CI stated [redacted] and [redacted] located next to [redacted] He had heard that [redacted] may go to [redacted] but he subsequently ascertained that the [redacted] Milwaukee and for this reason, JOE GURERA left that city. GURERA was to help [redacted] at that location.

8-5-63:

CI advised that DANNY LAWSON is still acting peculiarly and has not shaved in more than a week. He is spending much more time at the [redacted] than he did prior to his strange behavior.

KC [redacted] b7D

CI stated that THOMAS SIMONE, [redacted] were all at the [redacted] conferring about the [redacted] location.

CI observed [redacted], together with SAM PALMA and [redacted] on the previous evening. All of them were accompanied by [redacted]

CI said that although members of the criminal element were saying [redacted] had taken a bum rap when he was arrested by the PD for the robbery of the Kansas City Star Credit Union office, the word now is that [redacted] is "right for the rap". CI said [redacted] and [redacted] very likely were involved in this robbery but he has no personal independent information which could lead to their convictions. b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that the method [redacted] utilized in this [redacted] is similar to that used in numerous other [redacted] and he speculates that the [redacted] were all carried in a [redacted] such as the ones used for [redacted] This is the manner most of the [redacted] and [redacted] when all [redacted], one individual takes [redacted] it for future use. Any [redacted] used would [redacted] during [redacted] occurred, they could never [redacted]

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Date: 8/23/63

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Via AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) -P-

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee letter to Kansas City, dated 7/25/63; and Kansas City letter to Milwaukee, dated 7/24/63.

Sergeant [redacted] Special Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised on August 22, 1963 that the subject and his family are now residing at 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri. b6 b7C

Kansas City is requested to verify this and immediately advise Milwaukee.

(near 71 Hwy & Bannister Rd)

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-103)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) P

DUSTIANO VETO DALESTRERE, aka
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CO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Kansas City 7/26/63.

[redacted], Kansas City, Mo., was interviewed by SA GEORGE P. LUECHENDORF on 8/26/63 in regard to another Bureau investigation. [redacted] During interview, [redacted] advised that DUSTER DALESTRERE has returned to Kansas City and is residing in a home [redacted] located on Kings Highway, Kansas City, Mo. [redacted] advised that this location is near the area of [redacted] BALESTRERE OR [redacted]?

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[redacted] pointed out that DUSTER DALESTRERE is in poor financial condition and in fact it was necessary for him to [redacted] in order [redacted] DALESTRERE [redacted] did not specify the date of [redacted] however, from the conversation it appeared [redacted] was made approximately five to six weeks ago.

He further advised that DALESTRERE is engaged in the operation of the Pizzeria owned by his brother, JAMES DALESTRERE. This is apparently identical with Poppina's

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Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 5048 Main, Kansas City, Mo. which location has been mentioned in previous correspondence.

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[redacted] continues to furnish information reflecting that DALESTIERE is in contact with members of the criminal organization in Kansas City. This informant advised that on Saturday, 8/24/63, subject was in conference with THOMAS SIMONE, DAN LAWSON and two unidentified individuals, who were not to informant's knowledge, from Kansas City, Mo.

The Kansas City office is considering interviewing DALESTIERE unless the Milwaukee office feels that such would not be advisable at this time.

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM	sve

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES

Report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM, dated 6/24/63, Milwaukee.
Kansas City letter to Milwaukee, dated 7/24/63 (IO).
Milwaukee letter to Kansas City, dated 7/25/63 (IO).

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Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will verify subject's residence at 3607 Kings Highway.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will attempt to ascertain the driver of a 1960 Rambler, bearing Wisconsin license R13-636, in which car BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed on 5/6/63. This car registered to Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, 546 North Broadway.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-2 is PCI [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted]

MI T-4 is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM
Date: August 23, 1963
Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166
Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

BUSTER BALESTRERE frequented Clock Bar in Milwaukee previous to his going to Kansas City, Missouri, which bar is known as a hangout for gamblers. BALESTRERE reportedly has moved his family to Kansas City, Missouri. The JOE AMADOR family, who visited the BALESTRERES in June of 1963 are related to the BALESTRERES.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

MI T-1 advised on May 28, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE goes to the Clock Bar almost everyday from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. He advised that most of the gamblers and bookies in Milwaukee go to this bar every morning for free rolls and coffee which are the compliments of [redacted] He advised that the bookies have some daily accounts which they have to settle and that these accounts are usually settled at the Clock Bar. MI T-1 advised on June 15, 1963 that he had observed a 1962 or 1963 brown Chevrolet Impala, bearing Missouri license DC 2582, parked behind the subject's house, and had observed the occupants of this car in the company of BUSTER BALESTRERE, FRANK BALISTRIERI and PETER BALISTRIERI. MI T-1 advised that he had no idea as to who these individuals were.

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MI T-1 advised on June 10, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE apparently is doing nothing except going to the Clock Bar every morning at about 10:00 A.M., where he is in the company of other gamblers and bookies.

On June 17, 1963, MI T-1 advised that BALESTRERE is still hanging out at the Clock Bar on 5th Street almost every day and that he is still on the payroll of the "outfit" for $250.00 a week, which he reportedly gets from FRANK BALISTRIERI.

On June 15, 1963 Detective [redacted], Special Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised that he had received information from the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Missouri that Missouri license DC 2582 was registered to JOE S. AMADOR, 4109 Blueridge, Kansas City, Missouri on a 1963 Chevrolet. b6 b7C

On June 18, 1963, MI T-2 advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE was at the Towne Bar on the evening of [redacted] and was accompanied by a short heavy set Italian looking individual who was supposed to be from Kansas City. He stated that the Towne Bar is [redacted] He advised that [redacted] had been attempting to [redacted] from one of the [redacted] in order to have [redacted] After BALESTRERE and the individual from Kansas City left, a remark was made to [redacted] that he should have asked BALESTRERE for [redacted] and that [redacted] remarked that he wanted nothing to do with BALESTRERE. b6 b7C b7D

On June 19, 1963, MI T-3 advised that he has observed BUSTER BALESTRERE at the Para Corporation recently but had no idea as to why he made the visit. He noted that Para Corporation is owned in part by FRANK BALISTRIERI. MI T-3 also stated that he had

no idea who JOE AMADOR is nor why he had been visiting BUSTER BALESTRERE.

AT OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he formerly resided at [redacted] stated that he has never heard of the subject and does not now nor has he ever owned a white Rambler. He advised that he has not been in either Chicago, Illinois or Milwaukee, Wisconsin for over two years. With regard to Wisconsin License R13-636, he stated that this license was issued to him in the year of 1961 on a 1959 Chevrolet. He advised that he now owned a 1955 Ford and that his current license number is [redacted]

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

MI T-4 advised on July 2, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE was visiting in Kansas City on the prior weekend.

MI T-5 advised on July 15, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE and his entire family had moved to Kansas City. He stated that BALESTRERE's family left the week before and that BALESTRERE drove to Kansas City with STEVE DE SALVO on Wednesday, July 10, 1963. He advised that BALESTRERE has moved back to Kansas City for good and that he very possibly will join with JOE GURERA who returned to Kansas City several months ago. He advised that PETER BALISTRIERI, borther of FRANK BALISTRIERI, has moved into BUSTER BALESTRERE's home. He stated that BALESTRERE's wife advised the teachers in the local Parochial school where subject's children had been attending that the children would not be back in school in September.

On July 24, 1963, MK T-1 advised that while BALLENTINE and QUEENA have moved back to Kansas City they are expected to return to Milwaukee, Wisconsin sometime in the future. He stated, however, that he did not know just how long they would be staying in Kansas City but surmised it would be for at least a couple of years.

On August 22, 1963, Sergeant [redacted] Security Squad, Milwaukee Police Department advised that BUSTER BALLENTINE and his family now reside at 3307 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Date 7-1-63

JOE SOLOMON AMADOR, 4109 Blue Ridge Cut Off, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he has recently returned from a vacation trip which took him to Chicago, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

AMADOR stated he drives a 1963 Chevrolet automobile bearing Missouri license BC2582, and was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from approximately June 14 to 21, 1963.

AMADOR stated that while in Milwaukee, he visited his wife's brother-in-law, BUSTER BALESTRERE, 1634 N. Jack Street.

AMADOR stated that he is employed as a refrigeration engineer for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed in the headquarters building located on 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated he has no knowledge of telephone equipment and such since he specializes in the engineering phase of air conditioning. He has been so employed since approximately 1947.

Upon the initiation of the interview with AMADOR, he commented that he was expecting an agent to call upon him. When quizzed as to this statement, AMADOR pointed out that during the previous summer another [redacted] who is a [redacted] had taken a similar trip to Milwaukee and was subsequently approached by the FBI.

AMADOR pointed out that he is available for interview at any time; has never had a police record; and is very proud of the fact he is a Shriner and active member in other similar groups. b6 b7C

He stated he is not acquainted with STEVE DE SALVO or WILLIAM COVELLI.

He likewise pointed out that he is unaware of what interest any investigative agency might have in BUSTER BALESTRERE, his brother-in-law. He advised when BALESTRERE visits Kansas City, he frequently stays with his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE; however, he stayed with ~~the AMADOR's and [redacted] family as well as other relatives.~~

On 6-28-63 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 162-236

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF :mrf Date dictated 7-1-63

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

92-166

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 23, 1963

Title

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-110)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)P

DUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Reno SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM, 8/23/63, Milwaukee.

On 9/3/63, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF physically observed the residence located 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri. A mail box in front of this residence carried the name of B. BALESTRERE, 3607 Kings Highway.

In view of the above and prior information developed concerning subject, it is believed that he currently resides at the above address.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, [redacted] Date: 9/2/63

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FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

Information contained in this memorandum when deemed pertinent has been disseminated either orally or by routing slip to agents handling the substantive case files.

AUGUST 7, 1963

CI advised that on the evening of [redacted] he observed THOMAS FONTANELLO, MONK PALMENTERE, DAN LAWSON, [redacted] LOUIS CANGELOSE at the [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] at about 2:00 a.m., [redacted] PHIL FORTE was [redacted] and both had been at a [redacted] this date.

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1-92-722 (MONK PALMENTERE)
1-92-532 (DAN LAWSON)
1-168-109 [redacted]
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1-92-246 (LOUIS CANGELOSE)
1-92-254 [redacted]
1-92-839 (PHIL FORTE)
1-92-257 [redacted]
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1-92-114 (THOMAS SIMONE)
1-92-115 (CARL CIVELLA)
1-92-180 (JAMES DUARDI)
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1-92-624 [redacted]
1-92-252 (TOM CACIOPPO)
1-92-805 [redacted]
1-92-293
1-92-261 (SAM PALMA)
1-92-768 [redacted]
1-92-123 (JOE CUSUMANO)
1-92-883 (COMMISSION)
1-92-116 (NICK CIVELLA)
1-92-272 (JOE LASCUOLA)
1-92-273 (MIKE LASCUOLA)
1-92-590 (GEORGE HARRIS)
1-92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRENE)
1-92-767 [redacted]
1-92-602
1-92-243 (CARL DE LUNA)
1-92-270 [redacted]

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CI stated that there was a golf tournament at the Stayton Meadows Golf Courts and virtually all individuals who were connected with the criminal organization played. CI stated he did not personally play in this tournament, but understands this was the situation.

CI stated that he has not seen [redacted] since the prior Saturday. [redacted] drives a [redacted] CI stated that if [redacted] was brought into Kansas City, that it is his opinion this [redacted] CI pointed out that during a prior [redacted] which occurred near [redacted] it is CI's understanding that the [redacted], however, CI did not know whether [redacted] (Above information disseminated to Number 5 Desk and Agent [redacted] by routing slip - Case file 87-15889).

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CI stated that [redacted] and for this reason believes that the [redacted] location by [redacted]. CI stated that [redacted] than usual and must be [redacted] he received from [redacted] CI pointed out that [redacted] and both have been [redacted] on a frequent basis. CI advised that [redacted] has bragged about [redacted] who also [redacted]

AUGUST 9, 1963

CI advised that the Barbecue opened by THOMAS SIMONE is named Uncle Tom's Barbecue. CI stated that THOMAS SIMONE is having problems with [redacted] located near to the barbecue about the use of this location by patrons. It is to be noted that this [redacted] by well-known [redacted] CI stated that DAN LAWSON is still extremely nervous and does not want anyone around him when he visits the barbecue. THOMAS SIMONE has been seen by CI working behind the counter with CARL CIVELLA delivering meat to this location. [redacted] and JAMES DUARDI are still engaged in [redacted] however, CI understands neither has [redacted] Both [redacted] from each other as well as from [redacted]

KC [redacted]

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CI stated that booking activities in the Kansas City Area have been cut down at least 75% as a result of continued investigation and the effect it has had on the bettors. DANNY LAWSON has been seen on frequent occasion by CI in the recent past with [redacted] and usually can be seen together during the afternoon hours. CI stated that the individual [redacted] and was located next to [redacted] and whose name CI does not recall, has likewise been engaged in booking under DANNY LAWSON. CI stated that [redacted]

CI advised that gambling, although on a much smaller scale, is occurring in the location behind the [redacted] According to CI, TOM CACIOPPO is in Kansas City and [redacted] CI stated this indicates that [redacted] apparently has not been [redacted]

AUGUST 12, 1963

CI advised that [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] can be seen in [redacted] at most times. It is CI's understanding that [redacted] and may not return to Kansas City. [redacted]

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CI stated that he observed [redacted] with SAM PALMA on the prior evening. In addition, he observed [redacted] at approximately [redacted] driving a [redacted] a tall auburn blond west on [redacted] (from description this individual likely identical with [redacted].

CI stated that an interesting aspect has occurred during the past several weeks which involve the individuals at the [redacted] CI stated that JOE CUSUMANO has let the word out that a freeze is on any members of the criminal organization coming into this location which was due to the news articles appearing in the Kansas City papers and which concerned the National Criminal Organization. CI stated that in relation to the article concerning NICHOLAS CIVELLA it is CI's opinion that this article would be pretty close to the truth. CI states that he believes, however, CIVELLA is more than a carrier but in the same opinion believes that THOMAS SIMONE would be on at least an equal plane as CIVELLA. CI bases this upon the fact that everyone who is engaged in criminal activity comes to see SIMONE prior to performing any action.

KC [redacted] b7D

JOE LASCUOLA, according to CI, is in the criminal background and does not let himself be tooobvious. CI stated that the LASCUOLA brothers some times differ from the actions and opinions of others in the criminal organization and believes that the LASCUOLAs may be from a era of the criminal organization which is different than that now in existence. CI stated that no one "pushes" the LASCUOLA brothers around and both appear to have ample financial assistance at all times.

CI stated that in relation to the criminal organization, many Italians in the Kansas City Area hate the present organization because the leaders, particularly the CIVELLAs and SIMONE want all the financial gains for themselves. Other Italians talk about these individuals as being the "organization hogs". These individuals, however, will not do anything due to the fact that CIVELLA and other close associates can always arrange for out-of-town killers to come to Kansas City and they would not hesitate to kill any opposition. This fact has been well known through the years by anyone closely associated with the organization and for this reason very few would cause little or any opposition. CI stated there have been individuals who have either disappeared or been killed after "bucking" the organization.

AUGUST 13, 1963

CI stated that several months ago, [redacted] was reported to have made a statement to the effect that [redacted]. CI advised that [redacted] when becoming aware of this, challenged [redacted] in regard to this statement and [redacted] denied making it. CI stated that [redacted] was very perturbed over this and let it be known that if he hears any one making such a statement, he will personally challenge them since this is something he would not have anything to do with.

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CI stated that [redacted] and SAM PALMA in TOM SIMONE's Barbecue location on the prior evening. They were joined by a Jewish individual and wife, whose name he believes is [redacted] After visiting at this location, all proceeded to [redacted]

AUGUST 14, 1963

CI stated that there has been little or no business at TOM SIMONE's Barbecue location since it opened. CI has not

seen DANNY LAWSON for the past few days and for this feels LAWSON may be out of town. CI stated that very little has occurred in the Broadway Strip area during the past few days and that the Hampton House is losing money and may go broke.

CI stated that he had forgotten to mention that on the prior Saturday night, August 10, 1963, he had observed TOM FONTANELLO and MONK PALMENTERE come into the [redacted] at approximately 10:00 p.m. After speaking to THOMAS SIMONE and DAN LAWSON, the four of them left in two automobiles and went someplace else. It is CI's opinion that these individuals may have been going to a meeting, however, CI could not take the chance of determining what this meeting may have been.

AUGUST 15, 1963

CI advised that the individuals who have [redacted] the [redacted] have the name of [redacted] (phonetic) and have [redacted] different cities including [redacted] [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

AUGUST 16, 1963

CI was unable to furnish any other information concerning the robberies of King Soopers, 87-15851, Butners Store, Topeka, Kansas, (87-15732), nor could he furnish any information concerning [redacted] KC 76-2048 (Routing slips have been sent to Agents handling substantive case).

AUGUST 19, 1963

CI advised that he observed NICHOLAS CIVELLA at the [redacted] both on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, [redacted] On Friday evening, CIVELLA was with BUSTER BALESTRERE, on Saturday evening, CIVELLA was with JOE CUMMINS, [redacted] THOMAS SIMONE and DAN LAWSON. CIVELLA was showing the above mentioned individuals something in [redacted] when observed by CI.

CI stated he observed [redacted] and MIKE LASCUOLA at the [redacted] on Saturday morning and both held a lengthy conversation.

CI stated that NICK CIVELLA is reportedly worried about the information concerning the Cosa Nostra and is not happy about the publicity he and the others are receiving.

KC [redacted] b7D

CI stated that DANNY LAWSON and TOMAS SIMONE also appear to be worried, however, he does not know the reason.

CI stated that [redacted] and JAMES DUARDI are having trouble with [redacted] Friday and Saturday because [redacted] claims [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] had been picked up by [redacted] for [redacted] individuals in [redacted] near the [redacted]. CI stated that [redacted] is noted for his trying to [redacted] people around and it was lucky he [redacted] individuals involved. b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that SAM PALMA has been having [redacted] at the [redacted] however, PALMA does not look good. He has been [redacted] who has [redacted] and is apparently supporting both the [redacted]

CI stated that he has not seen CARL DE LUNA for over a week or 10 days.

SAC, [redacted] 9/9/63

SA JOHN H. GATTIS, JR.

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Date of Contact: 9/4/63
Place of Contact: [redacted]

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTERERE
92-696

CI stated [redacted] observed BUSTIANO BALESTERERE, his wife, [redacted] in Kansas City on 8/31/63. [redacted] heard from a reliable source that the police in Milwaukee, Wisconsin had put so much "heat" on BALESTERERE that he and his family had left Milwaukee and was presently residing in Kansas City. CI stated that apparently BALESTERERE had been back in Kansas City for several weeks, but CI was not aware of his presence in Kansas City until he was observed on 8/31/63. CI had no idea where BALESTERERE and family were residing at Kansas City, Missouri, his current activities, or contacts. CI stated any information coming to her attention concerning BALESTERERE would be immediately reported to the interviewing agent.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130) 9/12/63

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

LUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee 9/5/63.

Reference airtel reflects that the Subject is presently residing at 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] has previously advised that the Subject has moved permanently to Kansas City, Missouri. In view of the above, it is requested that the office of origin be changed to Kansas City. b7D

If this request is granted, the Milwaukee Division will forward a copy of all reports not presently in the possession of the Kansas City Division.

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RE: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Date 9/18/63

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [redacted] DATE: 9/19/63

FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

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1 - 92-180 (JAMES DUARDI) 3,6
1 - 92-273 (MIKE SCHOOL) 3
1 - 92-986 [redacted]
1 - 92-805
1 - 92-473 (GERTIE GARGOTTA) 3
1 - 92-251 (JOHN AMARO) 3
1 - 165- [redacted]
1 - 92-303
1 - 92- [redacted]
1 - 92-244 (WILLIE CUMMINGS) 4
1 - 92-523 [redacted]
1 - 92-258 (MAX JABEN) 4,6
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1 - 92-262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA) 4
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It is to be noted that where dissemination is reflected, the page number or numbers where that individual is mentioned is set forth to facilitate locating information concerning this individual.

8/21/63

CI stated that in relation to the murder of ROBERT ROBBINS in Denver, Colorado, that he has heard the name of [redacted]. He stated that although he cannot recall where he had heard this information, it is his impression that an individual who was likewise murdered in [redacted] of [redacted] CI was unable to obtain any additional information concerning Kansas City interests who may be involved in this matter.

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CI stated that he observed DANNY LAWSON and THOMAS SIMONE in a conference at the [redacted] on the prior Saturday. JAMES BALESTRERE and BUSTER BALESTRERE were in this conference with the above named individuals, along with two other unknown individuals whom CI does not know.

JOHN JOSEPH VITALE of St. Louis, Missouri had visited HIGHWAY SIMONE, accompanied by a third unidentified individual at the [redacted] on the previous Friday night, which was [redacted] These individuals spent a considerable amount of time in the [redacted]

In relation to the [redacted] has [redacted] The [redacted] is still being maintained and an individual by the name of [redacted] (phonetic) may become a [redacted]. The razing job on the [redacted] has been stopped by [redacted] due to the fact they have [redacted] which is necessary to [redacted]

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KC [redacted]

CARL CIVELLA has been visiting the gambling location at [redacted] on virtually a daily basis and stays until 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. every morning.

CI stated that he observed THOMAS SIMONE, TANO LOCOCO, JAMES DUARDI, [redacted], MIKE SCHOOL and an individual known as [redacted] who is a [redacted], and [redacted] works at the [redacted] all in [redacted] in the [redacted] area on the prior Wednesday, which was [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] has been around the [redacted] frequently during the past few weeks. CI stated that he has previously furnished information concerning an individual who was driving a Ford automobile with Texas plates. CI stated that one of the four individuals picked up by the [redacted] PD by the name of [redacted] was identical to this individual. [redacted] reportedly has been engaged in a [redacted] in the [redacted]

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CI stated that in relation to [redacted] who had [redacted] is having difficulty with [redacted] and will be trading it for a [redacted] His [redacted] has reportedly told [redacted] to get his belongings out of [redacted] inasmuch as she [redacted] and they are having [redacted] problems. [redacted] is still going with [redacted] and they are spending a lot of time at the [redacted]

[redacted] has [redacted] from individuals throughout the Kansas City area and is reportedly not returning to this location. He has called virtually everyone he knows for the purpose of [redacted]

CI stated that GERTIE GARGOTTA and JOHN AMARO have been buying stolen merchandise and hustling this merchandise during recent weeks. Reportedly [redacted] has cut out GERTIE GARGOTTA in the gambling field.

8/28/63

[redacted] are driving new automobiles: [redacted] is driving a [redacted] and both have been out of town for several days, reportedly on a "job."

KC [redacted] b7D

8/30/63

CI stated that WILLIE CUMMINGS has been in the Dallas, Texas area for the past two days. He stated that he has not seen DANNY LAWSON at the barbecue and THOMAS SIMONE is reportedly sick. He stated that there is a possibility these individuals may be together, but that he has no definite information concerning this.

CI stated that [redacted] have returned and were seen at [redacted] is driving a [redacted]

MAX JABEN is backing a new fruit market at 35th and Cleveland and is a [redacted]. JABEN has reportedly purchased the property and is spending a considerable amount of time in that area. He has stated that [redacted] still attempting to [redacted] and has [redacted] to [redacted] from many individuals in the Kansas City area. He reportedly [redacted] and CARL CIVELLA has reportedly [redacted]. The word is now that [redacted] will never [redacted] since he has lost everything he had in gambling activities. b6 b7C b7D

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CI stated that on Labor Day TONY CIVELLA held a party at his house which was attended by most of the members of the criminal element with whom he associates. THOMAS SIMONE and DANNY LAWSON have been spending most of their time at the barbecue and business has improved at this location; however, the majority of this business is of the carry-out nature.

CI stated in relation to [redacted], he has heard that [redacted] while [redacted] is a [redacted] JOE and WILLIE CUMMINGS.

CI stated that CARL CIVELLA has reduced his activities insofar as visiting HIGHWAY SIMONE, and that it is now a rarity when he comes around his location.

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CI stated that all the [redacted] around the [redacted] located on [redacted] [redacted]. This [redacted] (phonetic). Most of these individuals formerly [redacted] [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] however, cannot find a [redacted] CI stated that everyone is afraid of THOMAS SIMONE and for this reason would not [redacted] because they would then be [redacted] SIMONE.

CI stated that it appears certain that [redacted] will enter into a [redacted] with [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] reportedly has been engaged in [redacted] and similar [redacted]

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CI stated that in relation to the [redacted] it is his impression that the individual who most likely was [redacted] would have been [redacted] [redacted] (This information disseminated to the KCMOPD.)

CI stated that [redacted] together with [redacted] have been traveling out of the Kansas City area, and the information making the rounds is that they have made several [redacted] inasmuch as they are showing [redacted] CI was unable to locate precisely what activity these individuals were engaging in.

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CI stated that someone in the Kansas City area is attempting to [redacted] which had recently been [redacted] CI does not know the origin of [redacted] nor does he know where they would [redacted] (This information orally disseminated to #5 Desk and SA [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] were reportedly in [redacted] which they had obtained from a [redacted] They were only to be in [redacted] for another day. (This information not disseminated to [redacted] due to time period involved.)

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CI stated that he observed [redacted] with MAX JABEN at [redacted] on the [redacted]. He stated he believes that [redacted] would be capable of doing an [redacted] since [redacted] is [redacted] (CAUTION SHOULD BE USED REGARDING ABOVE INFORMATION SINCE CI WAS THE ONLY OTHER INDIVIDUAL IN THE AREA.)

CI stated that a crap game is again running at the [redacted] gambling location, which is active on virtually a nightly basis.

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CI stated that at the [redacted] on the previous evening, CI observed [redacted] JAMES DUARDI and SAM ANCONA in a conversation. ANCONA reportedly stops on virtually a nightly basis at the [redacted] and CI is of the opinion, although not verified, that ANCONA has an interest in this location.

CI stated that TOM CACIOPPO, who has been out of town, has been back in Kansas City for the past three days.

SAM PALMA several days previous [redacted] of [redacted] told him to mind his own business.

JOE DiGIOVANNI from St. Louis was visiting THOMAS SIMONE the past few nights.

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-227) 10/4/63

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re BUlet to Albany 9/10/63 captioned "Criminal Intelligence Program, Hoodlum Album."

It is to be noted that [redacted] appeared before the Federal Grand Jury in the fall of 1961 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Inasmuch as the most recent photograph the Milwaukee Division has of [redacted] is dated 1947 in Kansas City, Missouri, it is requested that the Minneapolis Division check with the local newspapers in Minneapolis and ascertain if they made a photograph of [redacted] during his appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in Minneapolis. If the Minneapolis papers have a photograph of [redacted], the Minneapolis Division should request a photo from them and forward to both the Milwaukee and Kansas City Offices. [redacted] is presently residing in Kansas City, Missouri.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130) 10/4/63
ATTN: Special Investigative Division

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re BULet to Albany 9/10/63 captioned "Criminal Intelligence Program, Hoodlum Album."

Enclosed herewith are two photos and negative of [redacted]. This photo was taken in 1947 but is still a good likeness of him. The Milwaukee Office will request the Minneapolis Division to contact the local newspapers in Minneapolis to ascertain if they have a photograph of [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] was subpoenaed to testify before the Federal Grand Jury in Minneapolis in 1962. b3

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) 10/17/63

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-227) (RUC)

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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee letter to Minneapolis dated 10/4/63

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA:

On 10/14/63 investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] which provided the following: b6 b7C

Miss [redacted] the "Minneapolis Star and Tribune," indicated from a search of her files that there was no record of a photograph of subject available. This was on the basis of a name search on the subject. Their indices listed no such photo in the library.

It is to be noted that the "Minneapolis Tribune" is the morning edition and the "Minneapolis Star" is the evening edition. There are no other Minneapolis newspapers.

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SAC, Milwaukee (92-100) 10/30/63

SAC, Kansas City (92-[illegible]) (P)

DUSTIANO VINO DALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

Re Kansas City airtel 8/27/63 and Milwaukee letter to Bureau dated 9/12/63.

Referenced Milwaukee letter designated Kansas City as office of origin. Milwaukee is requested to determine whether all pertinent serials have been forwarded to the Kansas City Division.

In addition, referenced Kansas City airtel mentioned that the Kansas City Office is considering interviewing subject, unless Milwaukee feels that such will not be advisable at this time. Milwaukee is requested to ascertain whether an interview would be feasible with DALESTRERE.

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Date 11/12/63

BUSTER VETO BALESTRERE was interviewed at Peppina's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 5048 Main. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in court and that he had the right to an attorney.

BALESTRERE advised that he has been residing at 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri in a residence owned by him for the past three months. He stated he is employed by his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE in the operation of Peppina's Restaurant and adjoining tavern and has been so employed since his return to Kansas City. BALESTRERE denied that he is an owner of these establishments.

BALESTRERE advised that he returned to Kansas City of his own volition and during the course of the conversation concerning his residency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he used profane phrases in describing police action against him in that location. He stated that he did not engage in criminal activities while in Milwaukee; however, information has been published indicating that he had engaged in such activities, but when asked specifics concerning this information he would not furnish same. BALESTRERE stated that he considered the visit of the interviewing Agents as a continuation of the harassment which he was forced to undergo in Milwaukee. When questioned as to whether this particular interview was of a harassive nature he did not answer. It was pointed out to him at this time that the interviewing Agents were requesting his cooperation in the interview and if he desired to terminate the interview he could do so at his say-so.

He further pointed out that it is his opinion that following the interview by the interviewing Agents other investigative agencies would continue to harass him and if this became a fact he would leave his employment at this location in order that his brother would not be embarassed.

On 11/7/63 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 - 68

by SA JAMES F. GLONEK and SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF : pe Date dictated 11/8/63

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BALESTRERE pointed out that through his entire life he has been engaged in restaurant businesses and that it is the only occupation that he knows. He stated that he has never lost money in any of these endeavors. BALESTRERE stated he is residing with his wife and [redacted] at his residence, however, refused to furnish any other particulars concerning himself. b6 b7C

He stated that JOSEPH GURERA has likewise returned to the Kansas City area and is operating a pizzeria restaurant and a laundromat in the Leavenworth, Kansas area.

It is to be noted that BALESTRERE would not freely engage in conversation with the interviewing Agents and would only answer questions asked of him in a very concise and brief manner.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DAC (92-696) DATE: 11-18-63

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUNCHEMEYER

SUBJECT: Bustamo Veto Balestrac
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It is to be noted that the writer was at In-Service Training from October 7 through October 18, 1963, and prior to this date worked on virtually an exclusive basis on case entitled, [redacted], ET AL, ITSP", NC 87-10020. b6 b7C

During period 10/21/63 through 11/1/63, the writer was utilized as Relief Supervisor on Desk No. 4.

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka.	SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM	lmp
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCES

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated 11/29/62 at Milwaukee.
Springfield letter to Milwaukee 12/17/62 (IO).

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: 2 copies letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Carlinville, Illinois:

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Interview [redacted] as to why he was in Milwaukee on [redacted] and what his association is with the Subject, if any, in view of the fact that his car was observed parked behind Subject's residence at 1634 North Jackson. b6 b7C

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will check Wisconsin State Income Tax Returns.
2. Will interview Subject under interview program.
3. Will follow Subject's activities through informants and through surveillance logs of the Milwaukee PD.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-2 is PCI [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted]

MI T-4 is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM
Date: February 28, 1963

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166

Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject alleged to have taken part in meeting where preparations were made for abduction and killing of ANTHONY BIERNAT. Subject still associated in cleaning business, 1012 South 1st St., but name of cleaners has been changed from Acino to Checker. Subject disappeared from Milwaukee later in January and reappeared on Wednesday, 2/16/63. Subject reported to be in disfavor with local organization before disappearance but since return appears to be back in local organization's good graces. He reportedly is collecting pay offs from local gamblers.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

MI T-1 advised November 17, 1962 that pay offs to the Italian syndicate continue at a regular pace and that he [redacted] and knows that they get considerably more than this from other individuals. He advised that he knows specifically that the following are making pay offs to the syndicate: [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] from which JOE GURERA, FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, and BUSTER BALESTRERE [redacted]. He stated that

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BUSTER BALESTRERE usually [redacted] and [redacted] He advised that although BUSTER has been relegated to a secondary position, he still receives the same money that he formerly did and added that BUSTER is the type of individual who will take this "demotion" without complaint and will do exactly what the syndicate tells him to do. He advised that BUSTER has a definite sadistic streak in him and is the type of person who enjoys seeing someone suffer.

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MI T-2 advised on December 14, 1962 that BUSTER BALESTRERE reappeared in Milwaukee on December 13, 1962 after being away for approximately two weeks. He advised that he had no idea where BUSTER was during the two weeks but probably would be able to find out.

He stated that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE were reportedly going to [redacted] at least [redacted], but that actually they were going to [redacted] an [redacted] JOE GURERA who would be [redacted] from now on. He stated that these three individuals were really putting the pressure on gamblers and other individuals who owe them money and that he had heard on the night of December 12, 1962 that JOE GURERA had [redacted] because [redacted] failed to make his weekly payment. He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE must now be back in good graces of the syndicate because BUSTER and JOE GURERA, who are brothers-in-law, are attempting at the present time to buy property in Milwaukee in one of the better sections of Milwaukee and that they desire this property to be side by side since their wives are sisters.

On December 6, 1962 COSIMO MARZULLO was interviewed at the Milwaukee Police Department. Since he had been arrested on the previous night for a traffic violation and a search of his car reflected wagering paraphernalia. MARZULLO stated that he was employed as manager of the Acino Cleaners at 1012 South First Street and that the owners of this cleaners are STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, and JOE GURERA. He advised, however, that he knows nothing about their activities other than the fact that they are in the cleaning business and spend some time of each day at the cleaners. He denied knowing that they were involved

in any hoodlum activity or gambling.

MI T-2 advised on December 14, 1962 that BUSTER BALESTRERE showed up at Gallagher's Steak House, which is operated by FRANK BALISTRIERI on December 13, 1962 which was the first time he had been there in five or six weeks. MI T-2 stated that on December 14, 1962 FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, and BUSTER BALESTRERE met with another individual who is described as a short, heavy set Italian, wearing heavy glasses and was accompanied by another man who took no part in the proceedings. MI T-2 stated that this man provided BALISTRIERI with [redacted] and apparently looked over in some detail then brought it back and after a discussion between the four individuals [redacted] and FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] this man. MI T-2 noted that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE have been constant companions here of late whereas before it was STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA.

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On December 21, 1962 MI T-1 advised that FRANCIS STELLOH who was released from Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun on December 19, 1962 was staying at JOE GURERA's home and that BUSTER BALESTRERE seemed to be extremely worried about STELLOH's being in Milwaukee. MI T-1 stated that on the night of STELLOH's release FRANK BALISTRIERI, [redacted], JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE, and STEVE DE SALVO [redacted] GURERA [redacted] Informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE did not [redacted] during the evening and made the remark to one of the individuals in attendance that he [redacted] Informant believes that this must have something to do with the killing of IZZY POGROB who was killed on January 7, 1960 in Milwaukee and indicated it was possible BUSTER BALESTRERE may not have [redacted] in this killing the way [redacted]. According to the informant, [redacted] who is one of FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] was also in attendance at [redacted] The informant stated that he had been unable so far to ascertain where BUSTER BALESTRERE had spent the previous two weeks and added that not even BUSTER's immediate family knew where he had gone.

MI T-1 stated that Acino Cleaners has now changed its name to Checker Cleaners and that COSIMO (GUS) MARZULLO was still managing it. He advised, however, that STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE were actually running this business for the syndicate and that they planned to expand to about 14 cleaning establishments throughout the city, all of which will be known as Checker Cleaners. He advised that this will be a legitimate business and from now on the weekly pay offs from gamblers and night club operators of Italian descent will not be made at the Cleaners but will be collected by the above three individuals on personal contact. He stated that as far as he can determine the cleaning establishments will be strictly legitimate businesses and the profits will provide funds for the operation of the syndicate.

MI T-1 advised on January 4, 1963 that he has noted that STELLOH has definitely moved into BUSTER BALESTRERE's position in the syndicate and that FRANK BALISTRIERI is still the head of the outfit but that his lieutenants are STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, FRANK STELLOH, and BUSTER BALESTRERE in the background. According to the informant, if it were not for the fact that BUSTER BALESTRERE is a brother-in-law of JOE GURERA, he, BUSTER, might very possibly not now be living. He stated that BUSTER still receives about $250 a week from the syndicate and that this money is coming from the fund collected as pay offs from Italian gamblers and night club operators in Milwaukee.

MI T-1 advised on December 28, 1962 that JOHNNY RIZZO, who operates a crap game in Kenosha for FRANK BALISTRIERI, was coming to Milwaukee to meet BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO.

On January 7, 1963 MI T-2 advised that recently FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE have been talking about a new business which he believed to have something to do with coin operated machines and that they are talking about [redacted] being involved in this business along with some others. According to informant, they apparently plan to build a new concrete block building and in referring to the business he has heard FRANK BALISTRIERI state "At least it'll be legitimate and they (PD) can't do

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anything about it." The informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE, who comes to [redacted] practically every evening, usually sits alone and converses with no one.

MI T-3 advised on January 16, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE has been to the Para Corporation on several occasions recently. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI has an interest in the Para Corporation which is a packaging firm.

MI T-1 advised on October 26, 1962 that the Italian gamblers were still paying off to the syndicate and that they usually pay weekly to STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GURERA. The informant advised, however, that BUSTER BALESTRERE personally collects from [redacted] each Monday and that [redacted] pays between [redacted] for permission to operate a book. He advised that this seems to be BUSTER's main source of revenue at the present time and that he believes that [redacted] is the only gambler at the present time who is paying off directly to BUSTER BALESTRERE.

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MI T-2 advised on January 23, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE is still left fairly much alone although he is doing menial tasks and seeks approval for these tasks although he gets the "cold shoulder" from everybody at [redacted] The informant stated that apparently BUSTER no longer has a car inasmuch as it is necessary for someone to take him home.

MI T-1 advised on January 18, 1963 that STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE now have seven new cleaning places throughout Milwaukee. All of them are called Checker Cleaners. He stated that [redacted] all the [redacted] plants and that andindividual by the first name of [redacted] at the main cleaning place on South First Street which was formerly called Acino Cleaners. He stated that although STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE own these cleaning places they are very seldom seen at any of these places. The informant stated that on the night of January 9, 1963 there was a meeting held at Fazio's on Fifth which was attended by FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE, FRANK SANSONE, and FRANK STELLOH and some other members of the syndicate from the Milwaukee area. He advised that these individuals were seen at the bar at Fazio's and later went down to the basement for a meeting.

MI T-1 advised on January 25, 1963 that on [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE had [redacted] at [redacted] and [redacted] in Milwaukee. He advised that from time to time they seem [redacted] at this [redacted]

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On February 2, 1963 Detective [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that through their surveillance of the hoodlums in Milwaukee they had ascertained that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE have not been around Milwaukee since Wednesday, January 30, 1963.

On February 1, 1963 MI T-1 advised that he had no new information with regard to the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT in Kenosha, Wisconsin on January 7, 1963. He stated that BILL COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO, who operate the crap game in Kenosha for FRANK BALISTRIERI, have been coming to Milwaukee almost every Tuesday to see either STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GURERA. He advised that on the night that the Harlem Globe Trotters were in Milwaukee which he recollects was about January 3, 1963 that BILL COVELLI, JOHNNY RIZZO, and AL (LNU) went to the ball game with JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI, and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He described AL as being about 60 years of age, 6', thin build, black hair, graying, gravel voice, and a doorman at RIZZO's gambling joint in Kenosha. He added that wherever COVELLI and RIZZO go so goes AL. He stated that after the ball game all the above mentioned individuals returned to [redacted] where they had a couple drinks and then they left not all at once but in small groups and were headed for [redacted] which he believed to be [redacted] in the [redacted]. The informant stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI [redacted] and took [redacted]. He advised that STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE left together and that BILL COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO left together. He stated that [redacted] didn't go with them but instead he went to [redacted] a [redacted] in Milwaukee. MI T-2 surmised that it was at [redacted] at the [redacted] which was probably held [redacted] where the abduction and subsequent murder of BIERNAT was planned.

MI T-4 advised on February 6, 1963 that [redacted] with FRANK BALISTRIERI and that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE were and believed still are FRANK's closest associates. He stated that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE used to commute between Milwaukee and Kenosha taking money back and forth for the operation of FRANK BALISTRIERI's crap game in Kenosha which was being operated by JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI.

MI T-1 advised on February 8, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE seems to be in hiding inasmuch as he has not seen him around [redacted] for awhile and that no one seems to know where he's at. He stated that BUSTER seems to have made himself scarce since the murder of BIERNAT.

MI T-2 advised on January 15, 1963 that on January 7, 1963, the night on which BIERNAT was murdered, that JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE and FRANK STELLOH were seen around Milwaukee at one time or another during the entire day but that informant did not see STEVE DE SALVO at all during the day.

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MI T-1 advised on February 18, 1963 that on the weekend of [redacted] STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA contacted [redacted] and told them that BUSTER BALESTRERE had been busy for the past two weeks and, therefore, had not been around to collect the weekly pay offs but that these individuals had not been forgotten and that BUSTER would be back in a few days to make the collections.

MI T-1 advised on February 18, 1963 that with regard to the wire tapping equipment acquired by STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE in October of 1962 that according to BUSTER this equipment included a hand telephone with alligator clips along with a battery outfit for testing to make sure that they have the right telephone line and also a portable tape recorder.

MI T-1 advised on February 18, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE has been away from Milwaukee for over two weeks and that no one seemed to know of his whereabouts.

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On February 20, 1963 Detective [redacted], Milwaukee Police Department, advised that JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK

BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, FRANK STELLOH and WALTER BROCCA had a meeting at Para Corporation on February 18, 1963. [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE who had been missing from Milwaukee since about January 30, 1963 and whose car has been missing since around Christmas reappeared in Milwaukee February 16, 1963 with a different car. He advised that this car appears to be a new 1963 Chevrolet all white, and bears 1963 Wisconsin license E51-896. [redacted] indicated that apparently BUSTER BALESTRERE is back in the good graces of the syndicate and that in addition to being in attendance at the above meeting he was further observed having lunch with GURERA, DE SALVO, and PETER BALISTRIERI.

By communication dated December 17, 1962 the Springfield Office advised as follows:

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On December 12, 1962 [redacted] advised he was personally acquainted with [redacted] living at [redacted] stated he was one of the owners of [redacted], having the [redacted] area and also other extensive holdings in the county. [redacted] stated he would reason that [redacted] would have very good reason to be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during July, 1962, as he had [redacted] whose [redacted] and her home had been Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [redacted] related that [redacted] living at Milwaukee and [redacted] stated it was his information the [redacted] family in Milwaukee were financially well-to-do people and that neither the [redacted] family living in [redacted] nor the [redacted] family living in Milwaukee were in any way connected with hoodlum activity.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 11, 1963

[redacted], furnished the following information:

He has known [redacted] for many years in view of the fact that they were both in [redacted] Acino Cleaners under the new ownership of STEVE DI SALVO and at [redacted] Acino. STEVE DI SALVO has always [redacted] at Acino but he has heard that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA are also partners in this business. The [redacted]

So far as [redacted] is concerned this was a perfectly legitimate cleaning business and a rather good one, having as the bulk of their business commercial accounts. He said there are seventeen or eighteen such accounts and that [redacted]. STEVE DI SALVO has asked him recently if he is interested in [redacted] STEVE said that he will [redacted] STEVE [redacted] but did point out that the only truck that the company now has is a new Ford Econoline van, which is [redacted] inasmuch as they claimed not to be able to get the necessary financing on their own. He said that the two older trucks, one of which had been smashed up by [redacted], were used as down payment on this new truck. He said that he is not [redacted] the new truck but that STEVE is. The name of the company is being changed to Checker Cleaners and they have a working arrangement with the other two Checker Cleaner stations in Milwaukee, which are simply pickup stations.

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[redacted] steadfastly denied any knowledge of illicit activities at Acino and said that he had no information that it was used in connection with gambling operations and has never heard or seen any conversation from any of the principals which even now he can attach significance to in this respect. He said that shortly after [redacted] disappeared from the scene and BUSTER BALESTRERE took over the active operation of the cleaners. Recently

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On 1/2/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-262

by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN /jb Date dictated 1/8/63

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BUSTER BALESTRERE has disappeared from the scene and [redacted] again in in charge. There are five employees.

GURERA, although he was around the place frequently, particularly during the past summer, never had anything to do with the running of the place. [redacted] was a driver only and STEVE [redacted] worked at the counter in the front and so far as [redacted] knows he simply quit and is now employed with [redacted]. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 28, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM dated and captioned as above.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	4/4/63	3/1 - 4/63

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka.	SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM	lmp
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REFERENCE

Report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM dated 2/28/63 at Milwaukee.

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: 2 copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

ADMINISTRATIVE

BALESTRERE is not considered a strong suspect in the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT. At the present time he does not appear to be active in the organization and in fact appears to have fallen into disfavor with the other members of the organization. In view of this no weekly airtels will be submitted in the future

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and this case will be closed after Springfield Office has covered their leads. If, during the course of the investigation into the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, the Subject becomes a suspect, this case will be reopened.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-2 is [redacted] PCI.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM
Date: April 4, 1963

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166

Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 1634 North Jackson Street. Informants unable to ascertain Subject's whereabouts during the three-week period from the last part of January to the first part of February, 1963. Subject reportedly became upset when he learned that JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO had been served Federal subpoenas on 3/11/63 and indicated he was planning on leaving town for awhile. Subject has not regained his status in the local organization. Subject reportedly managed a crap game in Kenosha about a year and a half ago which game is now operated by JOHN RIZZO and [redacted]

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On [redacted] who is [redacted] FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, moved into [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's [redacted], in [redacted] residence.

On March 2, 1963 Captain [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that according to reports submitted by his squad BUSTER BALESTRERE has been staying close to home since he returned to Milwaukee about the middle of February, 1963.

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On February 25, 1963 MI T-1 advised that in the past the organization has met at times at Para Corporation and that they use the office which is assigned to [redacted]. He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE has at times participated in these meetings. He advised that another meeting place the organization uses at times is Checker Cleaners at 1012 South First Street, which is operated by STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE. b6 b7C

On February 26, 1963 MI T-1 advised that the talk among Italian businessmen outside the organization is to the effect that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA may be ordered to leave Milwaukee by the organization because of all the heat that they have brought on the city and that they will possibly be going back to Kansas City.

On March 4, 1963 MI T-1 advised that there is absolutely no conversation as to where BUSTER BALESTRERE spent his time for approximately a three-week period while he was gone from Milwaukee. He advised that he was of the opinion that not even BUSTER's family knew where he was then.

On March 12, 1963 MI T-1 advised that the Italian hoodlums in Milwaukee were quite upset about Federal subpoenas being served on JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO on March 11, 1963. He stated that they suspect other subpoenas will follow and that BUSTER BALESTRERE in particular has expressed fear that he may be subpoenaed and has indicated that he may leave town for a few days in order to avoid being served with a subpoena.

On March 22, 1963 MI T-1 advised that there has still been no indication as to where BALESTRERE disappeared to during the latter part of January and the first part of February, 1963. He stated that BALESTRERE has still not regained his previous stature with the local organization and that he appears to be a lone wolf.

MI T-2 advised on March 27, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE has not been around Gallagher's Steak House, which is owned by FRANK BALISTRIERI, since TONY BIERMAT's body was found on January 28, 1963.

On March 22, 1963 [redacted], Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised that he frequented JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling b6 b7C

joint next to Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha from 1947 until September of 1962. He advised that about a year and a half ago BUSTER BALESTRERE was running the game at RIZZO's and that he ran this game for at least a year. He stated that during the time that BUSTER BALESTRERE was operating the game JOHN RIZZO and [redacted] acted in the capacity of employees of BALESTRERE. He stated that since that time, though, he has not seen BUSTER BALESTRERE around this game.

On April 1, 1963 Miss [redacted] Wisconsin Income Tax Department, made available the Wisconsin Income Tax Returns on BUSTER BALESTRERE of 1634 North Jackson Street, Social Security No. 487-03-1260. These records reflected the following: b6 b7C

The 1961 return reflected that he was a food checker employed by Pub. Inc. He received a total salary of $3800 and paid a tax of $6.39. He indicated his dependents as follows: wife, ROSE JOANNE; [redacted] This return was prepared by [redacted]

His 1960 return stated that he was a clerk at the Hotel Roosevelt, that his total salary for the year was $900 and no tax was due.

The 1959 return stated he was a clerk at the Hotel Roosevelt, that he received a salary of $2300, and that no tax was due.

The 1958 return indicated that he was ill, was not employed, and had no income.

His 1957 return stated that he was an esterminator and was self-employed doing business as the Kill Quick Exterminator and Pest Control. His gross income was listed as being $4,351.10, his net income was reflected at being $946.40 and no tax was due.

His 1956 return listed his occupation as an exterminator and pest control, self-employed, dba Kill Quick Exterminator and Pest Control, 1634 North Jackson; his gross income was $6,045.19, his net income was $264.03, and no tax was due.

His 1955 return listed his occupation as being an exterminator and pest control, dba Kill Quick Exterminator and Pest Control; his gross income was listed as being $3,617.85, his net loss as $1,218.67, and no tax was due.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 4, 1963

Title DUSTIANO VERO BALESTRIERI

Character AIRT-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA ALBERT D. HOLCOMBE dated and captioned as above.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	6/24/63	3/21 - 6/18/63

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka.	SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM	lmp

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REFERENCE

Report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM 4/4/63 at Milwaukee.

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Oshkosh, Wisconsin:

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Will locate and interview [redacted] regarding the allegation that BUSTER BALESTRERE was driving a

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1958 Nash Rambler registered to [redacted] and the circumstances surrounding this situation. b6 b7C

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will maintain contact with informants.

2. Will conduct surveillances and spotchecks of Subject.

3. Will maintain contact with Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Department.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted] PCI.

MI T-2 is [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted] PCI.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM
Date: June 24, 1963

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-166

Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: AITI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 1634 North Jackson Street. Informants state that Subject has been in disfavor with the Milwaukee "outfit" but that there are indications that he may be coming back into their good graces again. Subject refused to be interviewed by FBI Agents on June 11, 1963. On June 15, 1963 Subject seen in a group of people with FRANK BALISTRIERI and PETE BALISTRIERI with two strangers reportedly from Kansas City, Mo. Subject seen at the Towne Bar with an Italian looking individual reportedly from Kansas City on June 17, 1963.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

MI T-1 advised on March 21, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA have not been seen around Gallagher's since the body of ANTHONY BIERNAT was found. Informant stated that he felt that both individuals may have left town. He stated that if BUSTER is available for interview he felt that BUSTER would be the soft member of the group as he gives every appearance of being desparate for attention even going so far as to corner a waitress just for someone to talk to. Informant stated that prior to the time that BALESTRERE discontinued coming to Gallagher's Steak House he was treated as "dirt" by all of the other hoodlums that hung around Gallagher's and

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that no one would talk to him no matter how hard he tried to please them.

MI T-2 advised on April 1, 1963 that he had learned that [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO, was now [redacted] and was taking a more active part in the affairs of "the outfit." Informant stated that "the outfit" is presently at a standstill and is very quiet in their operations but that as soon as they know where they stand with regard to the BIERHAT murder and the John Doe hearings in Milwaukee they will start up again. He advised that STEVE DE SALVO and DUSTER BALESTRERE are very quiet these days but that they were still collecting from a few of the Italian gamblers and night club operators on a weekly basis. He added, however, that they are not contacting these individuals in person but are having these individuals drop off their envelopes at certain taverns. He stated that most of their business is being transacted over the telephone at the present time.

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MI T-2 advised on March 22, 1963 that "the outfit" has no particular meeting place at the present time as JOE GUERRA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI, and DUSTER BALESTRERE are under constant surveillance by the Milwaukee Police Department Security Squad and that most of their business is carried on in cars or outside of automobiles when they meet other hoodlums. He advised that they very seldom even talk in their automobiles for fear that their cars may be "bugged." He stated that "the outfit" is still collecting payoffs weekly from some of the Italian gamblers and night club operators.

MI T-2 advised on April 10, 1963 that DUSTER BALESTRERE appears at Gallagher's during the daytime but stays home most every night and seems to be taking very little part in "the outfit's" activities at the present time. He advised that the only payoff DUSTER BALESTRERE is collecting is a weekly payoff from [redacted] which he gets [redacted] MI T-2 advised on April 16, 1963 that STEVE DE SALVO and DUSTER BALESTRERE are still collecting weekly payoffs from some of the Italian gamblers and night club operators but that DUSTER BALESTRERE collects only from [redacted] and that DE SALVO takes care of the rest of the payoffs. He advised that DUSTER still is very inactive in the affairs of "the outfit" and is very seldom taken into the confidence of STEVE DE SALVO.

MI T-2 advised on April 23, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRIERI is still in the "doghouse" with FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO and that they still do not take him into their confidence and pay practically no attention to him.

MI T-2 advised on April 29, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRIERI is not seen around Gallagher's or other downtown locations at all these days and is extremely quiet.

MI T-2 advised on May 6, 1963 that a small compact car, possibly a 1958 Rash all white, Wisconsin license [redacted], was being driven by BUSTER BALESTRIERI. He advised that BUSTER and FRANK BALISTRIERI were [redacted] on the [redacted] about two or three blocks south [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. KOLAZMAN and SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

On May 6, 1963 a 1958 Rash bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] was found parked in front of 1654 North Jackson Street. Also observed in a parking lot next to this residence were a number of cars only one of which had a license number and this being a 1953 White Mercury bearing Wisconsin license [redacted]. b6 b7C

Just prior to 3:00 a 1962 black Rambler bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] pulled up in front of this address but the destination or the occupant was not ascertainable.

The 1958 Rash Rambler bearing license number [redacted] which reportedly was being driven by BUSTER BALESTRIERI is registered to [redacted], Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Mercury bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] is registered to [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The black Rambler bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] is registered to [redacted].

The address of [redacted] is a flat with two apartments and according to the City Directory [redacted] reside at this address. The other flat at this address is occupied by [redacted]

MI T-2 advised on May 14, 1963 that one day during the previous week DUSTER BALESTRERE had attended some kind of a meeting with STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that this could mean that DUSTER BALESTRERE is back in favor with "the outfit" again.

MI T-2 advised on June 15, 1963 that a 1963 Chevrolet four door, brown, bearing 1964 Missouri license [redacted] was parked behind DUSTER BALESTRERE's residence. Informant stated that DUSTER BALESTRERE, FRANK BALISTRIERI, and PETE BALISTRIERI were observed entering PETE BALISTRIERI's residence, 1640 North Jackson Street, with two strangers. He advised that PETE BALISTRIERI lives next door to DUSTER BALESTRERE. He surmised that these two strangers got out of a 1963 Chevrolet with Missouri plates. (This car is listed to [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.)

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MI T-3 advised on June 18, 1963 that DUSTER BALESTRERE was seen at the Towne Bar on June 17, 1963. At the time he was in company with another individual described as being Italian looking, 50 years of age, 5'5", heavy build, and on the paunchy side and balding. MI T-3 advised that this individual was supposed to be from Kansas City, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

On June 11, 1963 efforts were made to locate DUSTER BALESTRERE at his usual hangouts at the Clock Bar, Hickory Hay Restaurant and Casino Tavern on North 5th Street. During the evening of June 11, 1963 BALESTRERE's car was found behind his residence at 1634 North Jackson Street. BALESTRERE refused to answer repeated rings of his doorbell or knocking. A telephone call was made to his residence and DUSTER BALESTRERE answered. The agents immediately identified themselves and DUSTER BALESTRERE said, "I have nothing to say to you. Goodbye." and then hung up.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 2, 1963

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[redacted] advised that he was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with his wife on July 9, 1962, visiting [redacted] He remembers being in Milwaukee on this date because it was [redacted].

[redacted] indicated that he owns a [redacted] Illinois license [redacted] and that he was driving this car on that date. He recalls that he and his wife went to the University Club for lunch and that his car, with the keys in the ignition, was in the University Club parking lot between approximately 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. From here, they visited Watts Glassware Store and parked their car next door in a parking lot on Macon and Jefferson Streets. The car was in this lot between approximately 2:15 and 3:00 p.m., also with the keys in the ignition. [redacted] believes that he and his wife spent the night of July 9 at [redacted] and that the car would have been parked in their driveway. He recalls visiting some friends in Milwaukee near White Fish Bay and the car would have been parked in the driveway next to the house. He did not recall the street or address.

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[redacted] stated that he does not know where 1034 North Jackson is located and that he is not familiar with anyone by the name of BUSTIANO VITO PALESTRINE. He indicated that if his car was parked anywhere near this location that it must have been next door to some friends he was visiting. He could not recall any names of friends visited.

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On 4-30-63 at [redacted], Illinois File # SI 92-407

by SA [redacted]/cal Date dictated 5-2-63

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 24, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-166

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI - RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM dated and captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (92-696) DATE: 11/19/63

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (92-166) -RUC-

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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ReMIlet to Director 9/12/63 in which the Bureau designated Kansas City Office of Origin.

Milwaukee Office has received no information to date that subject has visited or returned to Milwaukee.

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[redacted] advised on 11/5/63 that subject's wife was visiting in Milwaukee but that subject was not with her.

Enclosed herewith for Kansas City Office are following reports which were not presently in possession your office:

Report	SA	ALBERT B. KNICKREHM,	Milwaukee,	6/24/63
"	"	"	"	4/4/63
"	"	"	"	2/28/63
"	"	JOHN A. HOLTZMAN,	"	11/29/62
"	"	"	"	9/24/62
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"	"	JAMES E. MC ARDLE	"	5/29/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 27, 1963

[redacted] also known as [redacted] [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised on interview that he is [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE's [redacted] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE has returned to Kansas City and is residing in a home owned by BALESTRERE located on Kings Highway, Kansas City, Mo. [redacted] advised that this location is near the area of 79th Street and Bannister Road.

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[redacted] pointed out that BUSTER BALESTRERE is in poor financial condition, and, in fact, it was necessary for [redacted] in order [redacted] BALESTRERE [redacted] to Kansas City. [redacted] did not specify the date of this move; however conversation indicated the move had been five or six weeks ago.

[redacted] advised that BALESTRERE is engaged in the operation of the Pizzeria owned by his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE.

On 8/26/63 at Kansas City, Mo. File # KC 92-696 - 81

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF : ssc Date dictated 8/27/63

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Kansas City, Missouri

November 20, 1953

DUSTIANO VITO DALESTRERI,
also known as Dustiano Vito
Dalistreri, Duster Vito
Dalistreri, Duster Dalistrieri,
Duster Dalestrero, Duster
Vedo Dalestrero
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants as reflected in report of SA [redacted] F. [redacted], above date:

T-1 is an individual who has continuing daily contact with virtually all members of the criminal organization in the Kansas City area.

T-2 is an individual who has had contact with some members of the criminal organization, mainly those of Italian descent, for a number of years.

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DUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	SD
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REFERENCES: Report of SA ALBERT B. KRICKREHL, 8/23/63, at Milwaukee.
Milwaukee letter to Director, 9/12/63.

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TO BUREAU (2)

Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

LEADS:

MILWAUKEE (INFORMATION)

A copy is being furnished to Milwaukee in view of the fact that Milwaukee has been in the past office of origin and information has been developed that subject may return to that community.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 USA, Milwaukee

Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
Date: 11/22/63

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File No.: KC 92-003

Bureau File No.: 92-5120

Title: DUSTIANO VETO DALESTRENE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject resides 3007 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri, with wife and [redacted]. Subject observed by informant with NICK CIVELLA, THOMAS SILONE and [redacted], Kansas City criminal figures. Subject reportedly was in poor financial condition at time of move to Kansas City which necessitated his [redacted] subject's [redacted]. Subject employed at Peppina's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria operated by his brother, JAMES DALESTRENE. Subject interviewed and advised he has been arrested by law enforcement agencies; however, denies criminal activities. Authorities, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised no unusual activities observed on part of subject. Subject drives 1955 Buick bearing Missouri license PG 6-435.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE:

On September 3, 1963, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF physically observed the residence located at 3007 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri; a mail box in front of this residence reflected the name B. V. DALESTRENE.

[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on August 26, 1963, that subject is residing in a residence owned by him located on Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri, near 79th Street and Bannister Road.

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[redacted] further pointed out that he is a [redacted] subject and that subject is in poor financial condition. He stated it was necessary for [redacted] Milwaukee in order to [redacted] to Kansas City.

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EMPLOYMENT:

Subject advised during an interview on November 7, 1963, that he is employed for Peppina's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 5028 Main.

On August 23, 1963, [redacted] advised that subject is engaged in the operation of a Pizzeria owned by his brother, JAMES DALESTRERE.

ASSOCIATION WITH CRIMINAL ELEMENTS:

KC T-1 advised on August 10, 1963, that NICHOLAS CIVELLA was with DUSTER DALESTRERE at the [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri, on the evening of August 10, 1963. T-1 advised on August 27, 1963, that JAMES DALESTRERE and his brother, DUSTER DALESTRERE, held a conference with DANNY LAWSON and THOMAS SIMONE at the [redacted] on August 24, 1963. T-1 advised on October 22, 1963, that DUSTER DALESTRERE and his brother, JAMES DALESTRERE visited Uncle Tom's Barbecue operated by THOMAS SIMONE approximately a week prior to this date.

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KC T-2 advised on September 4, 1963, that T-2 observed DUSTIANO DALESTRERE, his wife and son, in Kansas City on August 31, 1963. T-2 stated that this informant had heard from a reliable source that the police in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had put so much "heat" on DALESTRERE that he and his family had left Milwaukee and were presently residing in Kansas City. T-2 stated that apparently DALESTRERE had been back in Kansas City for several weeks; however, T-2 was not aware of his presence until observed on August 31, 1963.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/12/63

DOMINIC VITO DALESTRENE was interviewed at Peppina's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 5040 Main. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in court and that he had the right to an attorney.

DALESTRENE advised that he has been residing at 5037 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri in a residence owned by him for the past three months. He stated he is employed by his brother, JAMES DALESTRENE in the operation of Peppina's Restaurant and adjoining tavern and has been so employed since his return to Kansas City. DALESTRENE denied that he is an owner of these establishments.

DALESTRENE advised that he returned to Kansas City of his own volition and during the course of the conversation concerning his residency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he used profane phrases in describing police action against him in that location. He stated that he did not engage in criminal activities while in Milwaukee; however, information has been published indicating that he had engaged in such activities, but when asked specifics concerning this information he would not furnish same. DALESTRENE stated that he considered the visit of the interviewing Agents as a continuation of the harassment which he was forced to undergo in Milwaukee. When questioned as to whether this particular interview was of a harassive nature he did not answer. It was pointed out to him at this time that the interviewing Agents were requesting his cooperation in the interview and if he desired to terminate the interview he could do so at his say-so.

He further pointed out that it is his opinion that following the interview by the interviewing Agents other investigative agencies would continue to harass him and if this became a fact he would leave his employment at this location in order that his brother would not be embarrassed.

On 11/7/63 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 62-669

by SA JAMES F. GLOMEX and SA GEORGE F. LUCCHESHOWE : pg Date dictated 11/8/63

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KC 92-[illegible]

KANSAS CITY

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will review records of the Department of Motor Vehicles for information concerning automobiles registered to subject.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

1. Will obtain photographs of subject.

2. Will check appropriate records concerning the ownership and operation of Peppina's Italian Restaurant and pizzeria as well as that of the adjacent tavern.

3. Will review records of the Liquor Control Board, Kansas City, Missouri, for information concerning subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is to be noted that the most recent photograph of subject is dated 1947. For this reason, this office will attempt to secure a more current photograph.

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols in this report and they were only utilized when deemed necessary, T-1, [redacted] who furnished information to SA GEORGE F. LULCKENHOFF and T-2, [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN M. GATTIS, JR. b7D

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PALESTRENE pointed out that through his entire life he has been engaged in restaurant businesses and that it is the only occupation that he knows. He stated that he has never lost money in any of these endeavors. PALESTRENE stated he is residing with his wife and [redacted] at his residence, however, refused to furnish any other particulars concerning himself. b6 b7C

He stated that JOSEPH GUERRA has likewise returned to the Kansas City area and is operating a pizzeria restaurant and a laundromat in the Leavenworth, Kansas area.

It is to be noted that PALESTRENE would not freely engage in conversation with the interviewing Agents and would only answer questions asked of him in a very concise and brief manner.

Captain [redacted], Head of Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised SA GEORGE F. LUBCHENKOFF on November 19, 1963, that the Intelligence Division of the Department has been aware of subject's presence in Kansas City for several months. Captain [redacted] stated that periodic checks of subject by members of the Intelligence Unit fail to reflect any unusual activities on the part of subject. Subject has been observed by members of this unit working at Peppina's Italian Restaurant with his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] stated that BALESTRERE is driving a 1955 Buick hardtop, black over creme, automobile, Missouri license PG 6-435. This automobile is registered to BALESTRERE. Captain [redacted] stated that he had previously been advised by the Milwaukee Police Department subject was driving a 1962 Chevrolet automobile bearing Wisconsin license E51606; however, investigation has failed to reflect this vehicle being utilized by subject or members of his family.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-600

Kansas City, Missouri
November 22, 1963

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRIERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 11/22/63 at Kansas City

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY [redacted] DATE: 11/22/63

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF - P -

SUBJECT: [redacted]

RATING: Excellent

Information furnished by CI has been given either orally or by routing slip when deemed pertinent to agents handling substantive case files. It is to be further noted that dissemination is reflected where individuals are located on which page by page numbers appearing beside file number. Contacts have been made by writer except where indicated.

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10/8/63: Contacted by SA [redacted]

CI stated that on 10/7/63, THOMAS SIMONE, DANNY LAWSON and WILLIE CAMMISANO were observed visiting together at the [redacted] It was also noted on 10/7/63, that [redacted] were at the location operated by [redacted] and JAMES DUARDI.

CI advised that the gambling location operated by [redacted] at Missouri and Gillis Streets was closed. CI stated that on the prior day CI observed JOSEPH FILARDO and JOSEPH CUSUMANO at [redacted] however, there was no one visiting with them.

10/9/63: Contacted by SA [redacted]

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CI stated that he observed individuals still gambling at the location at [redacted] and one of the gamblers at this location not previously mentioned by him was [redacted] CI stated that on the prior evening he observed a card game being conducted at the [redacted] and those in the [redacted], JAMES DUARDI, [redacted] along with other unidentified individuals of Jewish origin whom CI did not know.

10/11/63: Contacted by SA [redacted]

CI stated that at [redacted] the following individuals were visiting together at the [redacted]

ANTHONY CIVELLA
JOHN AMARO, also known as JOHNNIE GREEN
SAM PALMA
[redacted]

Also visiting with these individuals were several other individuals whom CI was not acquainted with.

CI advised that on the prior evening CI visited the gambling location at [redacted] and those in attendance were THOMAS SIMONE, JOHN AMARO, CARL CIVELLA, ANTHONY CIVELLA and the [redacted]. Numerous other individuals were in attendance whom CI could not recall.

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10/14/63: Contacted by SA [redacted]

CI stated that he observed THOMAS SIMONE at the gambling location at [redacted] on this date. CI stated he saw JOHN CALDRONE also known as JOHNNIE HORSE gambling at the Market and he had a large amount of money. CI pointed out that this is unusual because CALDRONE formerly never had any money but lately he has been exhibiting large bankrolls.

10/15/63: Contacted by SA [redacted]

CI stated that on 10/15/63, both CARL CIVELLA and [redacted] were golfing.

10/21/63: Contacted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

CI advised that on the prior Friday night, GEORGE HARRIS had visited with THOMAS SIMONE at Uncle Tom's Bar-B-Q and had been followed by three Government men. CI was unable to determine the significance of this matter. CI stated that THOMAS SIMONE has been acting strange lately, as if he might be scared. He does not know what would cause this but is of the opinion that the continued pressure of investigations may be the cause of this. CI stated that the gambling game which consists of a dice layout at [redacted] usually discontinues at about 6:00 PM and most of the individuals playing are the early morning and day shift in [redacted]. Gambling is quite heavy at this location on Friday and Saturday evenings. CI stated that he observed [redacted] at this game on the prior Friday and Saturday evenings. These individuals were in addition to those normally playing and whose names CI has previously furnished. b6 b7C b7D

10/22/63: Contacted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

CI stated that at the [redacted] on this date he noticed THOMAS SIMONE, [redacted], DANNY LAWSON, and MAX JABEN. He stated that these individuals subsequently went to [redacted] where they visited with [redacted] and JABEN also was going to [redacted] to engage in gambling. CI stated that he observed [redacted] eating together at the [redacted] however, the gambling game was not operated this date.

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CI advised in relation to the [redacted] and [redacted] operates the [redacted] and maintains [redacted] located immediately to the rear of the [redacted] He stated that THOMAS SIMONE also utilizes this location and both [redacted] to engage in [redacted] as well as the [redacted] at approximately 3:00 AM, however, on frequent occasions individuals who are friends of TOM SIMONE would stay around drinking thereafter. Both locations open at 9:30 to 10:00 AM and the [redacted] who drives a [redacted] A colored boy, age in mid-20's, also arrives at this location about 10:00 AM and is the [redacted] CI stated that the [redacted] is located in the [redacted] with a [redacted] CI stated there is a [redacted] to the east. Located in [redacted] and some [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JAMES BALESTRERE were at [redacted] a week or two previous with two other individuals whom CI does not know. Both were elderly and had greying hair.

CI stated that NICHOLAS CIVELLA visited the gambling game at [redacted] about a week prior to this date and left with GERTIE GARGOTTA who operates this game. It is CI's understanding that THOMAS SIMONE and CARL CIVELLA also get a cut of this operation.

CI stated that he knows of no other large-scale gambling games taking place, however, it is his understanding that once in a while these individuals will get together and play among themselves in a motel. He stated that such a location is located [redacted] in a [redacted] This location is located near the [redacted] located between the divided areas [redacted] CI stated that this individual is related to JOHN MOLLE, however, he does not know this man's name. He stated that he is not sure when these games take place but believes that they take place on infrequent periods.

10/23/63: Contacted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

CI stated that there was gambling at the Market on the prior date, 10/22/63, with GERTIE GARGOTTA and ANTHONY CIVELLA working the game.

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CI stated that all the hustlers including [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] has been saying that he has a source of information through some girl working in [redacted] where he can obtain information. [redacted] stated that he had heard from the source that [redacted] was interested [redacted] subsequently recovered but formerly had been kept at that location. CI stated that in relation to [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted] who lives near the [redacted] in [redacted] formerly would [redacted] them. He stated he has no information concerning another individual but knew that a man by the name of [redacted] is a former [redacted] and had worked with [redacted] at this location. CI stated he does not know [redacted] first name. [redacted] drives a [redacted] CI stated that in relation to the [redacted] which is in the [redacted] in size, has a desk against the right-hand wall and on the northeast side of this room the space is used for [redacted] There are a [redacted] in this room.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-696) DATE: 12-7-63

FROM : IC [redacted]

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Kansas City report by SA GOERGE F. LUECKENHOFF, dated 11-22-63.

On 12-5-63, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, Title Section Records were checked for vehicles titled in the name of subject. There is no record. However, BUSTER BALESTRERE, 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Mo., was issued Missouri title # 2518740, on 8-26-63, for a 1955 Buick Coupe, MN 6B4063482. 1963 Missouri license PG6-435 was registered to this vehicle on 8-16-63, by BALESTRERE. There is no lien listed on this vehicle.

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Date 1-28-64

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE was interviewed at Peppino's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 5048 Main. He was advised he did not have to make a statement; that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to an attorney.

BALESTRERE advised that he continues to reside at 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri, however, pointed out that although he had previously mentioned this residence was owned by him, it is actually owned by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law. He stated that they are in the process of selling this residence and that he will attempt to locate a residence possibly further south in the city, although was very non-specific concerning these facts. BALESTRERE advised that business is improving at Peppino's and that he intends to stay in Kansas City. He stated that although he has lived in Milwaukee for long periods of time during his life, he does not intend to return to Milwaukee at the present time, however, stated in substance that if and when he makes up his mind to do so, he will move in a very short period.

BALESTRERE again emphasized that he is not bothering anybody in Kansas City and is working hard in order to make a living.

It is to be noted that at the time of the interview BALESTRERE was working as a bartender at Jim's Barn, which is a bar located adjacent to the above mentioned restaurant. BALESTRERE explained that the bartender was sick and that he had to come in early until a substitute bartender could be located.

On 1-23-64 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 - 86

by SA JAMES F. GLONEK and SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF:per Date dictated 1-23-64

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KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	1-29-64	12-7-63 / 1-24-64

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA GEORGE F. LUECKEMEYER	per

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKEMEYER, dated 11-22-63, at Kansas City.

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ENCLOSURE

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being furnished to Milwaukee in view of the fact that Milwaukee has been in the past Office of Origin and information has been developed that subject may

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return to that community.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning current activities of subject as well as determine new residence of subject when and if subject's present residence is sold.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is to be noted that in report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND, dated December 23, 1963, at Milwaukee, in case entitled "LA COSA NOSTRA, AR-CONSPIRACY, Bufile 92-6054, Milwaukee file 92-262, mention was made that FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI is reportedly possibly moving to Kansas City, Missouri in order to take over and that BUSTER BALESTRERE while in Kansas City is receiving $250 per week from the Milwaukee outfit. Investigation in Kansas City to date has failed to locate any information which would lend to give confirmation to this report. Informants of the Kansas City Division have given no indication that there is any such move underway in the Kansas City Division and Captain [redacted] Commanding Officer, Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, has advised that no such information has come to the attention of that Division. Kansas City will continue to give close attention to this information. b6 b7C

A current photograph of subject was obtained from the Kansas City, Missouri Liquor Control Board, on January 24, 1964.

INFORMANT

KC T-1 is [redacted] b7D

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUDCHEMKOFF
Date: 1-20-64

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File No.: 92-003

Bureau File No.: 92-5150

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 3007 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri. Subject is renting residence from sister-in-law, however, residence is presently for sale. Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, Intelligence Unit has noted no unusual activity on part of subject. Subject has current liquor dispensing permit and continues to be employed at Jim's Barn and Peppino's Restaurant.

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DETAILS

RESIDENCE

On January 21, 1964, SA GEORGE F. LUDCHEMKOFF physically observed residence occupied by the subject at 3007 Kings Highway. A mail box in front of this residence reflected the name of B. V. BALESTRERE. A 1955 black over white 1955 Buick automobile, bearing Missouri license PG6435 was likewise observed in the driveway of this residence. It is to be noted that this car has previously been verified as belonging to subject. A sign posted in the yard of this residence reflected that this residence was for sale under the exclusive sales jurisdiction of Roberts and Roberts Real Estate Company, Raytown, Missouri. Raytown is a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri.

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On January 23, 1954, [redacted] Roberts and Roberts Real Estate Company, 9700 East 63rd Street, Raytown, Missouri, advised that the residence located at 5607 Kings Highway, has been listed for exclusive sale by his agency by [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] according to [redacted] understanding has recently [redacted] and the sales matter is being handled by [redacted] who resides at [redacted] stated that this residence had previously been placed for sale with his agency approximately six months ago, however, was withdrawn from the market by [redacted]. She explained at that time that [redacted] was moving to Kansas City and would be occupying this residence free of rent for approximately six months and at the end of this period she would again have this house for sale. [redacted] stated that as of this date an offer has been made for this house, however, [redacted] has not been approached to see if it would be accepted.

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It is to be noted that prior investigation has disclosed that [redacted] have been identified as [redacted] subject's wife.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 1-23-64

DUSTIANO VETO DALMSTRME was interviewed at Poppino's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 5040 Main. He was advised he did not have to make a statement; that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to an attorney.

DALMSTRME advised that he continues to reside at 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri, however, pointed out that although he had previously mentioned this residence was owned by him, it is actually owned by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law. He stated that they are in the process of selling this residence and that he will attempt to locate a residence possibly further south in the city, although was very non-specific concerning these facts. DALMSTRME advised that business is improving at Poppino's and that he intends to stay in Kansas City. He stated that although he has lived in Milwaukee for long periods of time during his life, he does not intend to return to Milwaukee at the present time, however, stated in substance that if and when he makes up his mind to do so, he will move in a very short period.

DALMSTRME again emphasized that he is not bothering anybody in Kansas City and is working hard in order to make a living.

It is to be noted that at the time of the interview DALMSTRME was working as a bartender at Jim's Barn, which is a bar located adjacent to the above mentioned restaurant. DALMSTRME explained that the bartender was sick and that he had to come in early until a substitute bartender could be located.

On 1-23-64 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-690

by SA JAMES F. GROVER and SA GEORGE P. LUECKENHOFF:pcr Date dictated 1-23-64

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The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] b6 b7C

On December 5, 1993, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, Title Section Records were checked for vehicles titled in the name of subject. There is no record. However, DUSTIN DALLSTREME, 3007 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri, was issued Missouri title 0251C740, on August 23, 1993, for a 1985 Buick Coupe, VIN 2G4GC3402. 1993 Missouri license PCG-435 was registered to this vehicle, on August 16, 1993, by DALLSTREME. There is no loin listed on this vehicle.

IC T-1 has advised on several occasions during December, 1993 and January, 1994, that DUSTIN DALLSTREME has not been observed by IC T-1 to frequent locations most prominently frequented by members of the Kansas City criminal organization. IC T-1 pointed out that if subject was openly associating with members of the criminal organization, at the present time, it would very likely have come to his attention.

Records of the Kansas City, Missouri Liquor Control Board made available by Major [redacted], on January 24, 1963, reflect the following:

Application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Permit dated November 20, 1962, reflects JAMES BALESTRIERE, 6000 East 64th Street, Raytown, Missouri, is sole proprietor of Jim's Barn, 5050 Main Street. Indebted to Bay Valley Bank $8,000. b6 b7C

Location purchased from [redacted], August 30, 1962, in amount $8,000.

JAMES BALESTRIERE born June 24, 1914, in Sicily, Italy and naturalized in Monterey County, Salinas, California, on August 6, 1945.

Prior employments were listed as follows:

September 1950 to April 1951, Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

September 1954 to September 1959, Pioneer Club, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jim's Barn was formerly known as Lounge Bar.

Records also reflect DUSTIN V. BALESTRIERE, 8037 Kings Highway, has liquor dispensing permit CB7163.

A copy of United States Army discharge certificate in file reflects subject, Serial Number 3750-9770, received an honorable discharge, on February 21, 1946 and served from January 23, 1943.

Address at time of entrance into military service was 500 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
January 29, 1964

Title

DUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated and captioned as above.

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Kansas City, Missouri

January 29, 1964

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is the characterization of the informant utilized in the report of SA George F. Luckenhoff at Kansas City dated and captioned as above:

KC T-1 is an individual who has virtually daily contact with members of the criminal element. KC T-1 is not available for testimony before a Federal judicial body.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) DATE: 1/30/64

FROM : SA ROY L. TUSSEY

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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On 1/27/64, the writer contacted [redacted], Assistant Special Agent, SWB Telephone Company.

[redacted] advised that his office would maintain a stop, relative to phone service, on BUSTER BALESTRERE, 3607 King's Highway, Phone SO 1-7600. [redacted] said that should BALESTRERE request telephone service for the installation of the new phone, [redacted] office would immediately advise the writer as to this information.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) February 5, 1964

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) (P)

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 1-29-64.

Enclosed are three recent photographs of subject "BUSTER" BALESTRERE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) DATE: 2/12/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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The writer, while checking records of the KCMO Liquor Control Board, on 1/24/64, ascertained that [redacted] has Liquor Dispensing Number [redacted] with date of birth [redacted] living [redacted] This is a [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE. In addition, photographs of JAMES BALESTRERE were obtained and are being incorporated into the 1A exhibit of this file. This JAMES BALESTRERE is the brother of BUSTER BALESTRERE who resides in Raytown, Mo.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) DATE: 2/6/64

FROM : SA ROY L. TUSSEY (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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On 1/29/64 [redacted], Asst. Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., KCMO, confidentially furnished the following information:

[redacted] had received a telephonic inquiry from the telephone manager handling the South exchange. The purpose of this inquiry was to advise [redacted] that telephone number SO 1-7600 which is listed to BUSTER BALESTRERE, 3607 Kings Highway, is carried on telephone records in the name of [redacted] According to [redacted] any inquiries received concerning telephone number SO 1-7600 were to be passed along to [redacted] because his name was used in the obtaining of the telephone service and was the one who would pay the bills.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] failed to reflect any derogatory information which would enable the telephone company to [redacted]

[redacted] said that he would maintain a stop on telephone number SO 1-7600 and should any new service be requested, he would immediately notify the writer.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) P DATE: 2/17/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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[redacted] Roberts and Roberts Real Estate Co. was contacted by the writer on 1/28/64 and requested to furnish information concerning the date that subject might move from 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Mo. and a new address for subject if that becomes known. b6 b7C

On 2/17/64 [redacted] Roberts and Roberts Real Estate advised that the residence occupied by subject has a buyer, however, there has been a "hitch" in the sales transaction. He stated that the salesman handling this matter has received some indication from the occupant of 3607 Kings Highway that he might be moving to the north west part of the country possibly to the state of Washington. [redacted] stated he would immediately contact the writer if any definite information is ascertained concerning this moving.

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KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	3/23/64	1/28 - 3/16/64

TITLE OF CASE

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka

REPORT MADE BY: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

TYPED BY: LP

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 1/29/64.

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being furnished to Milwaukee in view of the fact that Milwaukee has in the past been Office of Origin and information has been developed that subject may return to that area.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

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At Kansas City, Missouri:

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning current actvities of subject, as well as determine new residence of subject when and if subject's present residence is sold.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Three copies of instant report hve been designated for the Kansas City Division. Inasmuch as subject is presently residing in Kansas City, Missouri, a copy of current report, as well as one copy of all past reports concerning subject, will be furnished to the USA, Kansas City, Mo.

[redacted], Assistant Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Kansas City, Missouri, confidentially advised SA ROY L. TUSSEY of this office on 1/29/64 the following information:

[redacted] inquiry from the [redacted] The purpose of this inquiry was to advise [redacted] Number SO 1-7600, which is listed to BUSTER BALESTRERE, 3607 Kings Highway, is [redacted] According to [redacted] any inquiries received concerning [redacted] SO 1-7600, were to be passed along [redacted] because his name was [redacted] and was the one who [redacted]

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[redacted] failed to reflect any derogatory information which would enable the [redacted].

[redacted] said that he would maintain [redacted] number SO 1-7600; and should any [redacted] he would immediately notify SA TUSSEY.

It is to be noted that [redacted] to the [redacted] and has previously been interviewed by Agents. In view of the fact that prior investigation has reflected subject was without funds, when he [redacted]

[redacted] has previously advised subject was [redacted] the possibility exists subject did not have sufficient [redacted]

In addition, [redacted] subject's [redacted] has advised that subject has caused his wife and other members of the [redacted] much hardship.

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During prior contacts with [redacted] and members of the [redacted], all have been co-operative, but deny any knowledge of subject's activities. Accordingly, the possibility also exists that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 3/23/64

Field Office File No.: KC 92-603 Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri. Real estate agent advises a buyer has been located for residence occupied by subject; however, due to poor financial condition of buyer, it is unknown whether sale will be finalized. Subject's automobile observed at residence and Kansas City, Mo., PD officials advise they have observed no unusual activity on part of subject.

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DETAILS

[redacted] Roberts and Roberts Real Estate, 9706 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, Missouri, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on March 2, 1964, that the residence located 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri, has not been sold to date. He stated that a buyer has entered into a contract of sale; however, it has been ascertained that the buyer lacks a sound financial basis and at the present time it is problematical as to whether or not the sale of this residence will be finalized. b6 b7C

[redacted] was contacted by SA LUECKENHOFF on January 23 and again on February 17, 1964, at which time [redacted] stated that a buyer had been located for the residence 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri.

On February 17, 1964, [redacted] stated that the salesman handling this transaction has received some indication from the occupant that he might be moving to the northwest part of the country, possibly to the state of Washington.

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KC 92-000

On March 10, 1964, SA LUECKEMEYER observed the residence 3007 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time a 1955 black over white Buick automobile bearing Missouri License PG 0435, was noted. Investigation has previously disclosed that this automobile was owned by subject.

On March 13, 1964, Lieutenant [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised SA LUECKEMEYER that detectives of his department failed to note any unusual activity on the part of subject. [redacted] stated that they have not noticed subject associating with other criminal figures in the Kansas City area.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)
ATTN: SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

3/26/64

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-165)

LUCIANO VERO BALESTRIERI, aka
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OO: KANSAS CITY

Re BULet to Albany 9/10/63 captioned, "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, LCCOSAM ARGUI" and BULet to Milwaukee 2/14/64 captioned "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, LCCOSAM ARGUI."

Enclosed herewith is a recent photo of the subject.

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1 - Kansas City (92-[illegible]) (info)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) P

DATE: 4/6/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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On 4/2/64, the writer contacted [redacted] Roberts Real Estate Co., Raytown, Mo. who advised that on that date a closing had been set for residence located 3607 Kings Highway, Kansas City, Mo. He stated that the closing would take place on 4/17/64 and that the occupant of the above residence would have 30 days to depart from that residence after the closing.

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On 4/3/64, [redacted] stated he had contacted the salesman in this matter and also the buyer of the location and neither had received any knowledge concerning the departure date of the occupant of 3607 Kings Highway.

On 4/3/64, the writer physically observed the residence 3607 Kings Highway and noted that there appeared to be sheets tacked over the inside of windows. No activity was noted at this location, however, the possibility exists that the individuals had not moved from this location since the windows were actually covered.

On the same date the writer observed the addresses 9911 and 9914 Blue Ridge Cutoff and the address 9911 appeared to have a workman working on this residence. Guttering had come loose from the front of the residence and was being repaired. It is to be noted that the address 9914 was what appeared to be an identical house to 9911 insofar as the outside appearance of the residences were concerned.

On 4/4/64, while on a personal matter the writer had occasion to observe these residences at approximately 5:30 PM. It was noted that subject's automobile, a 1955 black over white Buick, bearing license PG 6-435, was observed parked in the driveway of 9915 Blue Ridge Extension.

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SAC, (92-326) 4/17/64

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA
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The following death notice appeared in the 4/13/64 edition of the Kansas City Times and pertains to the brother of the wife of the subject and wife of EUSTER BALESTRERE.

"MARCHESE - JOSEPH, age 51, of 4109 Blue Ridge cut-off, passed away April 11th. Survived by [redacted] Mrs. Euster Balestrere, 9911 Blue Ridge, Rosary Mon. 8 p. m. at the chapel, 2117 Indep. blvd, from where funeral will be held Tues. morning 8:30. Services St. John's church, 9 a. m. Burial Mt. St. Marys. PASSANTINO BROS. GR 1-2844 "

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In relation to the above, it appears that [redacted] who formerly resided [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] referred to in the above article.

In addition, it appears that EUSTER BALESTRERE is now residing 9911 Blue Ridge, Kansas City, Missouri, as had been previously indicated through other investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-696) DATE: 4/23/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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[redacted] Roberts Real Estate Company, Raytown, Missouri advised the writer on 4/21/64, that subject has moved from the residence previously occupied by him to 9911 Blue Ridge Blvd. [redacted] stated that subject's [redacted] who resides at [redacted] advised him that subject was purchasing a bar located directly across from the Kimo Theater in the vicinity of 33rd and Main Streets. b6 b7C

A physical check of this area on 4/22/64, by the writer reflects that on the east side of Main Street in the 3300 block is Wilson's Ru-El Bar and there are no other bars located in the 3300 block. In the 3400 block on the west side of the street, immediately adjacent to Jim and Mary's Steak House is Davey's Uptown Ramblers Club.

[redacted] advised on 4/22/64, that this location is [redacted] who is the [redacted] of [redacted] This informant had no knowledge as to whether these two locations were for sale. b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-696) DATE: 4-27-64

FROM : SA GEORGE L. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
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Records of the Liquor Control Board, Kansas City, Missouri, as made available by Major [redacted] on 4-24-64, reflect an application was filed on 4-3-64 by JAMES BALESTRERE. This application indicated that BALESTRERE who operates Peppinas Restaurant, 5048 Main, desires to operate Mr. JIMS at 3323 Main Street. This location would serve Italian foods as well as liquor by the drink.

The application reflected that BALESTRERE's brother, BUSTER BALESTRERE, will manage this location. Money will be borrowed from the State Bank of Hopkins, Hopkins, Missouri, [redacted] with offices at [redacted]

Rept 6-3-64 ebb

Major [redacted] stated that this license will not be OKed prior to at least the first of May 1964.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri

1. It is requested that a stop be placed with [redacted] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, for any order for service at this location. (Verbally furnished to SA Tussey)

2. Consideration should be given for the development of a confidential source at this location.

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Place stop & check Southern with Luckenhoff. RV

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) DATE: 4/29/64

FROM : SA ROY L. TUSSEY p

SUBJECT: ~~JAMES~~ "BUSTER" BALESTRERE
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On 2/27/64, [redacted] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, 324 East 11th, Room 1828, advised as follows:

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[redacted] has placed a stop concerning telephone service at the 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, address. [redacted] stated that he would notify the writer as soon as the telephone company received a request for telephone service at the above address.

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SAC, Milwaukee [redacted] 4-23-64

Director, FBI [redacted] b7D

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Re Milwaukee letter dated 4-21-64.

For information of the Kansas City Office, on page 3 of relet informant advised he had learned that Buster Balestrero and Joe Gurera will return to Milwaukee before June and present plans call for them to start up a big crap game in the Milwaukee area. Gurera and Balestrero will be greeters and hosts wherever the game is held.

For information of the Milwaukee and Kansas City Offices, if it can be shown that Balestrero and Gurera traveled in interstate commerce for the purpose of establishing or to carry on a business activity involving gambling, in this case a crap game, a potential violation of the ITAR Statute would be involved. This would be especially true if the crap game was set up or placed into operation by Balestrero and Gurera shortly after their travel from Kansas City to Milwaukee. Both offices should, therefore, alert confidential informants and sources of information to insure receipt of notification in case Gurera and Balestrero actually travel to Milwaukee and thereafter set up a crap game. In that event, a new ITAR case should be opened and all efforts expended to prove up the elements of the ITAR Statute. Keep Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) [P]

Re: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

ReBulet to Milwaukee 4-28-64, entitled [redacted]
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The Kansas City Division has developed no information to date reflecting that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA are returning to Milwaukee prior to June. At the present time, BALESTRERE is renovating and in the process of opening a new restaurant-bar in Kansas City, Missouri, which will be financed by his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE. BUSTER BALESTRERE has been seen personally working on the renovation of this location on a continuous basis.

JOE GURERA has informed Agents he has suffered a second heart attack and he appears to be actively engaged in the operation of a pizzeria and laundromat in Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Kansas City office has alerted confidential informants and sources of information to insure receipt of information reflecting that these individuals may travel to Milwaukee for the purpose of setting up a crap game.

3 - Bureau
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) DATE: 5-21-64

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Bulet to Milwaukee entitled [redacted] dated 4-28-64 and Kansas City letter to the Bureau 5-6-64

[redacted] Vice Detective PD Leavenworth and Lt. Col., [redacted] at 9:30 p.m. 5-20-64 reported they had been talking to JOSEPH FRANK GURERA at his place of business 1201 Broadway earlier this date that [redacted] was out of town and on his return he, JOESEPH GURERA "might have to make a trip to New York or China". [redacted] stated GURERA made this remark in a joking manner but same might indicate he may make a trip when [redacted] returns.

[redacted] frequent GURERA's establishment and have been requested to report any information of interest including any indication that GURERA plans a trip out of town. b6 b7C

[redacted] is known to have been at 1201 Broadway during the past winter when GURERA had a heart attack and took him to the hospital. Thereafter at GURERA'S invitation [redacted] visited GURERA and [redacted] at their home near Kansas City. GURERA has also invited [redacted] to "see some night life" in Kansas City. He has also offered [redacted] a job running a motel-resturant GURERA and an associate have indicated they may build in Leavenworth. A unknown Italian called on [redacted] in Leavenworth regarding such a venture when [redacted] indicated he might be interested but [redacted] did not learn his name and the individual did not disclose the name of the Motel chain this would be connected with. [redacted] stated GURERA indicated ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ he or his friend could raise several hundred thousand for such an operation.

[redacted] stated the above occured before GURERA told him that he had a questionable reputation for a number of arrests but had not been convicted, and before [redacted] learned anything about GURERA's background. He also indicated that a person whose description fit that of JOHN MANGIARACINA and who said he had come up the river by boat and owned a resturant in Kansas City, had been in Gurera's place a number of times.

Time did not permit a complete interview of [redacted] on this occasion. He will be reinterviewed for complete details and appropriate 302s will be submitted.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, Kansas City, 3-23-64
Bureau letter to Milwaukee 4-28-64, entitled [redacted]
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LEADS: MILWAUKEE DIVISION (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished Milwaukee in view of the fact that Milwaukee has been office of origin in the past and information has been developed that subject may return to that area.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning current activities of subject.

APPROVED: RLC SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, 324 East 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, informed SA ROY L. TUSSEY that a stop has been placed in their records concerning the telephone service at 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Investigation has been conducted regarding the owners of the building located at 3323 Main Street. In addition, background information has been obtained concerning other business establishments in this area and prior occupants of this address.

By referenced Bureau letter to Milwaukee, the Kansas City Division was advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE and his brother-in-law, JOE GURERA, were contemplating returning to Milwaukee prior to June. The Milwaukee Division was informed that no information regarding such travel had come to the attention of this office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City
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Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
Date: 6-3-64

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File No.: 92-696

Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: LUSTIANO VETO DALESTIERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject and family have moved to 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, KCMO, from their former residence at 3607 Kingshighway, KCMO. Present residence [redacted] Application filed with Liquor Control Board, KCMO, by subject's brother, JAMES DALESTIERE, requesting license for new restaurant-bar to be managed by subject. Liquor Control Board authorities advise license will be issued; however, subject will not be permitted to work at this location due to prior criminal record. Subject's brother-in-law, JOSEPH MARCHESE, died 4-11-64. Investigation conducted concerning neighbors and prior occupant, 3323 Main Street, KCMO.

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Details:

On April 2, 1964, [redacted] of the Roberts & Roberts Real Estate Company, Raytown, Missouri, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF that a closing had been set for the sale of the residence at 3607 Kingshighway, Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] said the closing would occur on April 17, 1964, and the occupants of the above residence would have thirty days to move from that location after the closing.

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On April 3, 1964, SA LUECKENHOFF physically observed the residence at 3607 Kingshighway but noted no activity at this location; however, what appeared to be bed sheets were tacked over all windows.

On April 4, 1964, subject's 1955 black-over-white Buick, bearing Missouri license #PGG-435, was observed parked in a driveway located at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. Prior investigation has revealed that this is the address of subject [redacted]

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On April 21, 1964, [redacted], above, advised SA LUECKENHOFF that subject had moved from the residence previously occupied by him to a residence at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension. [redacted] stated that subject [redacted] who resides at [redacted] had told [redacted] that subject was purchasing a bar located directly across from the Kimo Theater in the vicinity of 33rd & Main Streets, Kansas City, Missouri.

A physical check of the area at 33rd & Main Streets by SA LUECKENHOFF on April 22, 1964, failed to reflect such a location.

Records of the Liquor Control Board, Kansas City, Missouri, as made available to SA LUECKENHOFF by Major [redacted] on April 24, 1964, reflect an application was filed with that board on April 3, 1964, by JAMES BALESTRERE. This application indicated that BALESTRERE, who operates Peppina's Restaurant at 5048 Main Street, desires to operate an establishment known as "Mr. Jim's" at 3323 Main Street, which would serve Italian foods, as well as liquor by the drink. The application indicated that BALESTRERE'S brother, BUSTER BALESTRERE, will manage this location and money will be borrowed from the State Bank of Hooking, Hooking, Missouri. The [redacted] and [redacted], with offices at [redacted]

Major [redacted] stated this license would not be approved prior to at least the first of May, 1964.

On May 22, 1964, Major [redacted] informed that investigation concerning the issuance of a license for "Mr. Jim's" at 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, had been completed. It reflected that the cost of this location would be $4,500. $2,000 would be utilized from receipts of Jim's Bar and Peppina's Restaurant (operated by the subject and his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE) and $2,500 would be borrowed from the State Bank of Hopkins, Hopkins, Missouri.

Major [redacted] stated that a license will be issued for "Mr. Jim's" to JAMES BALESTRERE; however, subject will not be permitted to work at this location. Major [redacted] pointed out that subject had been convicted during the 1930's for a federal liquor violation and this is an exception to the pardon rule in effect. He explained that persons convicted of felonies prior to service in World War II, and who fulfilled certain requirements during military service, received an automatic pardon as a result. The State of Missouri statutes covering individuals employed in locations dispensing alcoholic beverages specifically eliminate a pardon for such prior convictions as that for which subject was convicted. [redacted] stated, however, that under Kansas City, Missouri, ordinance, subject's pardon would be recognized and he has no recourse except to grant a liquor dispensing license individually to subject.

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Major [redacted] pointed out that it would be necessary for the State of Missouri liquor authorities to prohibit employment of subject. He said, however, that he understands subject's employment would be prohibited at Mr. Jim's but he could continue to be employed at his prior place of employment.

The location at 3323 Main Street was formerly occupied by the Leffel Company.

Records of Dun & Bradstreet, Kansas City, Missouri, obtained on April 30, 1964, reflect that the Leffel Company, 3323 Main Street, had been operated by PAUL C. LEFFEL and wife, THELMA W. LEFFEL. This firm was engaged in the wholesale heating, air conditioning and ventilating equipment business and had a favorable credit rating. This firm likewise operates a similar location at 422 St. Louis, Kansas City, Missouri. LEFFEL was born in 1905 in Missouri, is

married, and prior to 1957, operated the Disney-Leffel Company, a local wholesale heating and air conditioning business.

The location 3325 Main Street is operated by the G & L Bowling Supplies, Inc. A Dun & Bradstreet report dated February 7, 1964, reflects the following are officers of this firm:

President SAM J. GIANGRECO

[redacted]

GIANGRECO was born in 1915 in the State of Missouri. Prior to 1942, he worked locally as a machinist. From 1942 to 1945, he was in the U. S. Army. From 1945 to 1950, he was a machinist with the Bendix Aviation Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri, and from 1950 to 1951, he operated a local service station. From 1951 to 1954, he was a machinist at Lake City; from 1954 to 1958, he was employed as a machinist with the Bendix Aviation Corporation in Kansas City; and discontinued the latter employment to begin the bowling supply business.

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This report indicated [redacted] and inactive in this business firm.

[redacted] is identified as a local attorney who is not active in subject business. He was [redacted] in 1964, [redacted]

The Dun & Bradstreet report contains the following comments: "FIRE RECORD: February 24, 1961, fire believed to have originated by defective appliance, causing damage estimated at $18,000 to merchandise and equipment at business address of 3007 Troost Avenue, former location. August 10, 1961, SAM J. GIANGRECO, President, reported that loss was covered to the extent of $12,000, which has been collected."

This report indicates that this firm has a modest volume of business but accounts receivables are slow in being collected which has caused slowness to the trade.

KC 92-696

Records of the Recorder of Deeds office, Jackson County, Missouri, as reviewed by SA LUECKENHOFF on April 30, 1964, reflected that the location 3323 Main Street is described as Lots 3 and 4 - 2B of Halsey & Dudley's Addition, and as of November 21, 1962, was owned by the Union National Bank.

The following death notice appeared in the April 13, 1964, edition of the Kansas City Times and pertains to the brother of subject's wife:

"MARCESSE - JOSEPH, age 51, of 4109 Blue Ridge Cutoff, passed away April 11th. Survived by [redacted] Mrs. DUSTER BALSTERE, 3911 Blue Ridge. Rosary Monday 8PM at the chapel, 2117 Independence Boulevard, from where funeral will be held Tuesday morning 8:30. Services St. John's Church, 9AM. Burial Mount St. Mary's. Passantino Bros. GR. 1-2844."

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-883) 5/26/64

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF - P -

LA COSA NOSTRA
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Milwaukee letter to Kansas City dated 5/14/64.

Above-referenced letter reflected that on 5/5/64, [redacted] advised SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON concerning his knowledge of La Cosa Nostra members in other areas. It should be noted that this informant admits membership in La Cosa Nostra and thereby should be in a position to know about the membership of certain other people. b7D

In reporting any of the following material the respective offices are requested to omit all information pertaining to informant's connection with persons involved as well as any indication that the information came from Milwaukee.

It will be satisfactory to state that this informant advised that the respective individuals are members of La Cosa Nostra.

In the event any further interview of informant is desired concerning any of the individuals referred to below, it is requested that photographs of them be furnished, if possible, in order to establish their identities with certainty. In the case of BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOSEPH GURERA and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City, however, Milwaukee has photographs of them and there is no question as to whom the informant is talking about.

Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOSEPH GURERA and JOHN MOLLE were La Cosa Nostra members in Kansas City. He also said that JOE CUSUMANO was a member in Kansas City. He also stated that [redacted] was a member in Kansas City but may now be in St. Louis. He did not know [redacted] whereabouts. He said he was a man about 65 years of age who stayed in Milwaukee at one time. b6 b7C

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1 - 92-883
1 - 92-326 (JOSEPH GURERA)
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-782 (JOHN MOLLE)
1 - 92-123 (JOSEPH CUSUMANO)
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KC 92-383

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, investigation in all such matters should be instituted if cases are not currently being handled. Accordingly, it is suggested that 92-782 re JOHN MOLLE be reopened.

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-883) 6/5/64

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF - P -

LA COSA NOSTRA

Reference is made to report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND dated 5/28/64, at Milwaukee, entitled "LA COSA NOSTRA, aka. AR - CONSPIRACY", KC 92-935.

Information furnished by MI T-1 and MI T-3 in this report pertained to individuals to whose case files a copy of this memo is submitted.

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MI T-1 who is [redacted] and has furnished information to SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, is the individual referred to in prior Milwaukee communication in which a caution statement was set out. This statement reflected that no information should be reported by other Offices indicating that this information had originated in the Milwaukee Division.

It is suggested that all cases in which this communication is directed that separate leads by set forth to the Milwaukee Division requesting the Office to recontact the informant and obtain full particulars as to how and why this informant states individuals were members of the La Cosa Nostra.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) P DATE: 6/11/64

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau 5/6/64 and Bureau letter to Milwaukee 4/28/64 entitled [redacted]. b7D

[redacted] Vice Detective, Leavenworth PD, advised on 6/8/64 that he had not observed JOSEPH GURERA at 1201 Broadway, the automatic laundry of JOSEPH GURERA or at his [redacted] the Nino Pizzeria during the past week. He advised that he had observed a 1961 Chevrolet station wagon, light blue with Missouri license [redacted] on 6/4/64 at about 3:30 PM at Nino Pizzeria.

On 6/9/64, Colonel [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that he had recently observed a 1964 light blue Cadillac coupe, Missouri license [redacted] at JOSEPH GURERA's place of business in Leavenworth. He stated he had not observed JOE GURERA at this location for approximately one week and on inquiry it was observed that GURERA was ill and at home in his residence near Kansas City. [redacted] advised that [redacted] has returned from his drive to Illinois and that [redacted] was observed at the Nino Pizzeria, 1201 N. Broadway as late as 6/6/64. He was advised that he would make further effort to determine the exact location of GURERA and whether or not he is actually on a drive. b6 b7C

A separate inquiry will be made by agent regarding the ownership of the above license numbers.

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1-92-326 (JOSEPH GURERA)

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SAC (72-75) 6-16-64

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
FLOYD DAIRDON HAYES - VICTIM
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In view of previous information indicating that at one time the Italian North End crowd intended to put JOSEPH FRANK GURERA in the Teamsters organization in Kansas City in a position of authority it was felt an effort should be made to determine the whereabouts of GURERA during the pertinent period in this matter.

On 6-9-64 Col. [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas reported that on this date he had observed a 1964 Blue Cadallac Coupe, Missouri license [redacted] at the Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas.

On 6-15-64 [redacted] advised that the circumstances surrounding his obtaining the above was that he was at Nino's Pizzeria on 6-9-64 and when this car parked in front of the establishment [redacted] made the comment that the driver of this car was a good "jewish friend" from Kansas City. [redacted] also recalls that JOSEPH FRANK GURERA was not there on that date and [redacted] indicated that [redacted] was ill.

[redacted] advised that he can not recall exactly when he last saw JOSEPH FRANK GURERA but that it was a day or two before 6-9-64 that GURERA informed him he had not been feeling good and that he intended to take a month off and go to the Ozarks. b6 b7C

[redacted] Vice Detective, Leavenworth PD 6-15-64 advised that he is fairly certain that he observed JOSEPH FRANK GURERA at the Nino's Pizzeria either shortly before midnight 6-11-64 or shortly after midnight 6-12-64 dressed in ~~[illegible]~~ white as though he was working in the Nino's kitchen. He added that GURERA was out in front of the establishment picking up bits of paper in the parking area.

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1-92-696 (GUSTAVO VIDT BALDESTRERE, AR)
1-92-326 (JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR)
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SAC (72-75) 6/23/64

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2);
FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES - VICTIM
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Re memo by SA [redacted] 6/16/64.

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On 6/22/64, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, License Section Records were checked for Missouri license [redacted]. This license was renewed in December, 1963, by [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri, for a 1963 Chevrolet 4-door, VIN [redacted] At this time, there is no transfer on instant license.

On 6/22/64, [redacted], Auto Theft and Information Bureau, Missouri State Highway Patrol, stated that she has no stolen report on Missouri license [redacted]

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-[illegible])

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-[illegible]) P

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA (MILWAUKEE DIVISION)
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee, 7/10/64.

The confidential source has advised on 7/10/64, that on [redacted] GUERRA hurriedly [redacted] In addition, he made arrangements to [redacted] of the [redacted] another individual. Source advised that GUERRA stated he was doing this for [redacted] Kansas City in endeavoring to determine significance of GUERRA's actions and will immediately notify Milwaukee if there is any indication [redacted] or if he has [redacted]

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This information is being furnished to the Milwaukee Division in light of information reflected in referenced Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee, indicating that GUERRA has had a recent meeting with two unidentified individuals.

GUERRA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4 - Milwaukee (2 - 92-[illegible])
(1 - 92-257 JOSEPH GUERRA)
(1 - 92-100 DUSTIN [illegible])
5 - Kansas City (2 - 92-[illegible])
(1 - 92-[illegible] JOSEPH GUERRA)
(1 - 92-[illegible] DUSTIN [illegible])
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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-252)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-635) P

RE: LA COSA NOSTRA (MILWAUKEE DIVISION)
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 6-10-64.

Investigation to date in the Kansas City area has failed to reflect any information concerning a meeting to be held in the Milwaukee or Chicago area.

DUSTER DALESTRONI was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 7-1-64 at a new restaurant-bar combination recently opened by him which is named Mr. Jim's, located 3323 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. DALESTRONI advised that he would not leave Kansas City as long as he was able to make a living in this community. He furnished information reflecting that the business at the new location operated by him has been encouraging.

JOSEPH GUZZMA continues to operate a pizzeria and laundromat at Leavenworth, Kansas. On 6-15-64 information was received that GUZZMA had advised he had not been feeling good and that he intended to take a month off and go to the Ozarks. GUZZMA also mentioned during May, 1964, that when [redacted], who was out of town, returns, he, GUZZMA, "might have to make a trip to New York or China." GUZZMA reportedly made this statement in a joking manner, but this remark also might indicate that GUZZMA intends to take a trip on return of [redacted] To date there has been no indication that GUZZMA has been absent from Leavenworth, Kansas, for any length of time. b6 b7C

4 - Milwaukee (2 - 92-252)(1 - 92-257 JOSEPH GUZZMA)
(1 - 92-193 DUSTER DALESTRONI)
5 - Kansas City (2 - 92-635)(1 - 92-323 JOSEPH GUZZMA)
(1 - 92-000 DUSTER DALESTRONI)(1 - [redacted]) b7D

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 7-1-94 that he had observed [redacted] visiting [redacted] place of business on the prior day. On 7-2-94 the same informant advised he had observed JOSEPH GUZZMA at the [redacted] operated by [redacted] with two unidentified individuals. He described these two individuals as being similar in build and as follows:

Individual #1: white male, 40-42 years of age, 180 lbs., 5'6" - 5'7", reddish blond hair, light complexion, ruddy face, and a prominent nose. Individual #2: white male, 40-42 years of age, 200 lbs., 5'6" - 5'7", stocky build, black hair straight and parted on the side.

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He advised that GUZZMA was at this location from approximately 9:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and all three individuals were well dressed in suits. He stated that shortly after these individuals left the [redacted] normal [redacted] appeared looking for them. CI advised he had never seen these individuals previously and has no knowledge concerning their identity or residence.

It is interesting to note that since both [redacted] and GUZZMA have returned to the Kansas City area this is the first definite information received showing them in contact with members of the criminal element in Kansas City or at locations frequented by these individuals. Both [redacted] and SAM PALMA are members of the criminal element in Kansas City.

The Milwaukee Division is requested to furnish the Kansas City Division with any information concerning a possible visit to Kansas City by individuals in that area. If such individuals fit the descriptions by [redacted] it is requested that photographs also be forwarded.

<u>[redacted]</u>

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7-13-64

BUSTANIO VETO BALESTRERE, more commonly known as BUSTER BALESTRERE, was interviewed at Mr. Jim's Restaurant, 3323 Main Street. BALESTRERE was advised he did not have to make any statement, that any statements made by him could be used in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

BALESTRERE advised that he is operating a restaurant-bar combination at this address specializing in the preparation of Italian-style sandwiches and short orders. He pointed out that he had personally renovated this location and the business has been picking up on an encouraging basis. He stated that as yet a kitchen has not been placed in this location and he anticipates completing such installation in the near future.

BALESTRERE stated in response to a question as to whether he will stay in Kansas City or return to Milwaukee that he will stay in Kansas City as long as he can make a living, however, would not hesitate leaving Kansas City if he cannot make a living at this location. He stated this location is owned by his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE, and both this location and Peppina's Restaurant are operated in conjunction with each other.

BALESTRERE stated that he has moved from his former address and is presently residing at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension. He stated he rarely sees his brother-in-law, JOSEPH GURERA, however, understands that GURERA suffered a heart attack some months prior to this interview. When asked how serious was GURERA's heart attack, BALESTRERE shrugged and stated GURERA was only in the hospital for a short time. He likewise advised that a brother-in-law, JOE MARCHESE, recently died and prior to his death had resided in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

BALESTRERE was questioned in relation to the slaying of FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES and stated he had no information concerning this matter, had asked no questions concerning this slaying, and did not desire to receive any information concerning it. BALESTRERE refused to state whether he would

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On 7-1-64 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-696 - 112

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF / SA JAMES F. GLONEK bg Date dictated 7-7-64

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furnish any information coming to his attention concerning this slaying by stating he would not allow such information to come to his attention.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, [redacted] DATE: 7-22-64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

RATING: Excellent

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

Information contained in this memorandum, which is deemed pertinent has been disseminated either orally or by Routing Slip to Agents having substantive case files at the time information was first received.

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July 1, 1964

SAM PALMA was seen by informant at the [redacted] on this date and stated [redacted] believed to be [redacted] had interviewed [redacted] PALMA returned to Kansas City on the prior date. CI stated that CARL DE LUNA was at the [redacted] at 2:30 p.m. on the prior Saturday with [redacted] PALMA was not driving his own automobile, but was driving 1958 2-door white Chevrolet. CI does not know to whom this car belongs. (This automobile is PALMA's second car)

[redacted] is driving a 4-door 1962 Pontiac Bonneville. CI stated that [redacted] had apparently recently been in an accident since the chrome was missing on the right

1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-109
1 - 92-261 (SAM PALMA)
1 - 92-243 (CARL DE LUNA)
1 - 92-578 [redacted]
1 - 92-180 (JAMES DUARDI)
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-254 [redacted]
1 - 92-326 (JOE GURERA)
1 - 92-114 (THOMAS SIMONE)
1 - 92-290 [redacted]
1 - 92-293 [redacted]
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side. CI stated that in relation to [redacted] whom he has previously described, to his knowledge [redacted] is employed as a [redacted] and considers himself [redacted] He frequently wears [redacted] and CI will endeavor to obtain this individuals identity. On the prior date JAMES DUARDI visited the [redacted]

CI stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE visited [redacted] on the prior date. The two had a discussion, however, went out into the parking lot and the discussion could not be overheard. It is CI's opinion that there is "something between" BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

July 3, 1964

CI advised that on the prior night he observed JOSEPH GURERA, THOMAS SIMONE with two unidentified individuals at the [redacted] He stated that these individuals were unknown to him nor did he identify them as local persons. He describes these individuals as follows:

1. White, male, age 40-42, 5'6"-5'7", 200 pounds, reddish hair, light complexion, prominent nose.

2. White, male, age 40, weight 200 pounds, 5'6"-5'7", black hair, parted on one side.

He stated that these individuals visited at the [redacted] from about 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. and were well dressed wearing suits. BUSTER BALESTRERE came in shortly after these individuals left looking for them.

[redacted] and JAMES DUARDI visited the [redacted] on the prior date.

CI stated that [redacted] was well satisfied with the [redacted] he received in [redacted] as a result of a prior [redacted] He was somewhat disappointed that the other individuals with whom he had [redacted] were only [redacted]

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KC [redacted]

CI stated that in relation to the [redacted] at the [redacted] it is his opinion that this was an [redacted] He stated that many individuals within the [redacted] among which are [redacted] and JAMES DUARDI. He stated that one of the [redacted] in this matter should be [redacted] is complaining that he received a [redacted]. CI stated that CARL DE LUNA lately, while visiting the [redacted] has been parking his car near [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] from his [redacted] and has been bragging that he made a [redacted] On the prior Wednesday night CARL DE LUNA, TOM SIMONE and [redacted] were all visiting together at the [redacted]

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Kansas City, Missouri

August 18, 1964

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is the characterization of informant utilized in report of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff, dated August 18, 1964, at Kansas City, captioned as above:

KC T-1 has frequent current contact with most members of the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge concerning present and past activities on the part of these individuals. KC T-1 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	8/18/64	6/2/64 - 8/10/64

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
EUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	bk

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at Kansas City 6/3/64.

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ENCLOSURE:

TO BUREAU (2)

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting a characterization of informant appearing in this report.

LEADS:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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Will contact [redacted] and secure more details as to the membership of subject in La Cosa Nostra. Informant

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should be closely questioned as to the date and circumstances under which subject was admitted to this organization.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning current activities of subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigation concerning the identity of individuals observed by KC T-1 as reflected in this report, who were with JOSEPH GURERA in the [redacted] will be conducted in the case entitled "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR", Kansas City file 92-326, Bufile 92-4690. GURERA is subject's brother-in-law. b7D

By letter dated 5/14/64, the Milwaukee Division advised that [redacted] had identified subject as a member of the La Cosa Nostra. This informant stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE, as well as others in Kansas City, were members of this group.

Accordingly, no information is being set forth in the body of this report indicating that subject is a member of this organizationin view of dissemination made of reports in this matter to United States Attorneys.

INFORMANTS:

KC T-1 is [redacted] who is contacted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City
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Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 8/18/64

Field Office File No.: 62-000 Bureau File No.: 62-5100

Title: LUCIANO VETO BALESTRERI

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 5011 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, and operates "Mr. Jim's" restaurant and bar, 5023 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. Subject interviewed and states he will remain in Kansas City as long as he can make a living, however, would not hesitate leaving Kansas City if he cannot make a living at this location. Subject's brother-in-law JOSEPH CURRERA was observed with two unidentified individuals in the [redacted] Subject attempted to contact these individuals unsuccessfully. Subject also visited [redacted] has been described by informants as a member of the criminal organization in Kansas City.

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BALESTRERE was questioned in relation to the slaying of FLOYD BAIRDON HAYES and stated he had no information concerning this matter, had asked no questions concerning this slaying, and did not desire to receive any information concerning it. BALESTRERE refused to state whether he would

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On 7-1-64 at Kansas City, Missouri File # 92 696

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
by SA JAMES F. GLONEK bg Date dictated 7-7-64

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furnish any information coming to his attention concerning this slaying by stating he would not allow such information to come to his attention.

KC T-1 advised on July 1, 1964, that on the evening of [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE visited [redacted] on the prior date. [redacted] together with JAMES DUARDI. BALESTRERE and [redacted] held a discussion in the parking lot immediately adjacent to the [redacted] at this location; however, KC T-1 could not furnish information concerning the content or purpose of the discussion.

KC T-1 advised on July 3, 1964, that on the night of [redacted] JOSEPH GURERA and THOMAS SIMONE were observed at the [redacted] accompanied by two unidentified individuals, who were unknown to KC T-1. KC T-1 described these individuals as follows:

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1. White, male, age 40-42 years, 5'6"-5'7", 200 pounds, reddish hair, light complexion, prominent nose.

2. White, male, age 40, weight 200 pounds, 5'6"-5'7", black hair, parted on one side.

KC T-1 further stated that these individuals visited at the [redacted] from about 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. and BUSTER BALESTRERE came to this location shortly after these individuals departed and was looking for them.

On July 29, 1964, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed BUSTER BALESTRERE at "Mr. Jim's" restaurant and bar.

SA LUECKENHOFF during spot checks of 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, on June 2 and 3, 1964, failed to note the presence of subject of his automobile at that location.

[redacted] has been described by various informants as a member of the criminal organization in Kansas City.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

August 18, 1964

Title EUSTIANO VESTO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at Kansas City dated August 18, 1964

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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8/21/64

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-262)

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-935) RUC

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA, aka
(MILWAUKEE DIVISION)
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re rep of SA ALEXANDER P. LEGRAND 5/28/64 at Milwaukee.

Referenced report carried lead requesting that the Kansas City Division report any move on the part of BUSTER BALESTRERE to return to Milwaukee. The Kansas City Division has current investigation concerning BALESTRERE in BALESTRERE's substantive case file, KC 92-696, Milwaukee file 92-166. In addition, a current investigation is being conducted concerning JOSEPH GURERA, KC file 92-326, Milwaukee 92-257. In both instances, Milwaukee Division is being furnished copies of investigative reports. In view of above activities of BALESTRERE and GURERA will be followed in their substantive case files and Milwaukee advised under the captions of those files.

For the information of the Milwaukee Division, a surveillance was conducted at the Kansas City, Mo. Municipal Airport on 8/1/64, and no individuals significant under the criminal intelligence program were noted on that day. This surveillance was conducted in relation to a possible criminal meeting in the Chicago, Ill. area on 8/2/64.

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SAC, NEW YORK 9/3/64

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) P

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
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Re Kansas City letter to New York, dated 7/27/64, entitled [redacted], AR. b6 b7C

The above referenced letter reflects that THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-18, 79th Street, Elmhurst, New York, visited FRANK LIVORSI at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 7 and 8, 1964. LIVORSI is an inmate at this institution. Authorities at this institution recognized JOSEPH FRANK GURERA as the person who drove ORMENTO to the Penitentiary. GURERA has been described by informants as a member of the Cosa Nostra and a member of the criminal organization in Kansas City. He and his brother-in-law BUSTER BALESTRERE have spent prolonged periods of time in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area and were suspects in the murder of ANTHONY BIERMAT in the Milwaukee area.

[redacted] has advised that on July 2, 1964, he observed two unidentified individuals with GURERA at a local establishment operated by a member of the criminal organization and that BUSTER BALESTRERE was also looking for these individuals. The two unidentified individuals with GURERA were described as follows: b7D

#1	Race	White
	Sex	Male
	Age	40 - 45
	Height	5' 6" - 5' 7"
	Weight	200 pounds
	Hair	Reddish
	Complexion	Light
	Characteristic	Prominent nose

2 - New York
3 - Kansas City
(2 - 92-326)
(1 - 92-696 BUSTER BALESTRERE)

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#2	Race	White
	Sex	Male
	Age	40
	Weight	200 pounds
	Height	5' 6" - 5' 7"
	Hair	Black, parted on one side

The New York Division is requested to furnish a photograph of THOMAS ORMENTO as well as background information concerning ORMENTO's criminal activities, if any. It is likewise requested that the identity of persons who may have accompanied ORMENTO to Kansas City be ascertained and background information, as well as photographs, be furnished of these individuals, if available.

Due to the fact information furnished by [redacted] b7D relates to the approximate period of time of ORMENTO's visit to Leavenworth, Kansas, it is believed one of the two unknown individuals might be identical with ORMENTO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7-13-64

BUSTANIO VETO BALESTRERE, more commonly known as BUSTER BALESTRERE, was interviewed at Mr. Jim's Restaurant, 3323 Main Street. BALESTRERE was advised he did not have to make any statement, that any statements made by him could be used in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

BALESTRERE advised that he is operating a restaurant-bar combination at this address specializing in the preparation of Italian-style sandwiches and short orders. He pointed out that he had personally renovated this location and the business has been picking up on an encouraging basis. He stated that as yet a kitchen has not been placed in this location and he anticipates completing such installation in the near future.

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by SA JAMES F. GLOWEK bg Date dictated 7-7-64

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SAC (92-883) 9/21/64

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

LA COSA NOSTRA
AR - CONSPIRACY

RE Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 6/19/64, in case entitled LA COSA NOSTRA, AKA., AR - CONSPIRACY, MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

MI 646-C*, on the evening of 6/18/64, reported a meeting of a group of the Milwaukee criminal organization.

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1 92-883
1 92-326 (JOSEPH GURERA)
1 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
1 92-116 (NICK CIVELLA)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9-30-64

JOHN B. MOLLE was interviewed at his place of business, Sarann Auto & Truck Leasing Co., Inc., 2500 Broadway. At the outset, he was advised he did not have to make any statement, any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law and he was advised by SA DENEEN of his right to consult an attorney before being interviewed. MOLLE stated he had worked hard all his life and was not afraid of anything and did not object to being interviewed by the FBI Agents.

MOLLE stated that he resides with his wife and family in a new home at [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted].

MOLLE indicated that he originally worked very hard in the ice business and subsequently had a bar on Genesee Street with [redacted] He then operated the Jewelann (phonetic) Auto Leasing Company until approximately 1957 when he started the Sarann company.

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He advised that most of his troubles with law enforcement stem from the fact that his wife's maiden name is BALESTRERE and his brother-in-law is BUSTER BALESTRERE. He viewed a Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #60656 photograph of BUSTER BALESTRERE and identified him as his brother-in-law. He also stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA [redacted] He said GURERA is not related to him. MOLLE identified VITO BALESTRERE as a brother of his wife and BUSTER who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He stated VITO is a man in his early 60's, who has been ill most of his life, having tuberculosis, and lives in a rented room in his sister's home in Milwaukee. He is very poor financially.

MOLLE stated that he was born and reared in the "north end" section of Kansas City, Missouri, having been born at 3rd & Harrison and brought up in the 5th & Troost

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R/S 10/2/64 del. RK

72-75 (Hayes)
92-326 (Gurera)
92-447 (V. Balestrere)
92-696 (B. Balestrere)
92-782

On 9-29-64 at Kansas City, Mo. KC File # 92-696-120

SA ROBERT J. DENEEN &
SA SHEA W. AIREY (acs)

by

Date dictated 9-30-64

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area. His father is deceased but his mother still lives in their home at 505 Troost. He said he is acquainted with virtually all of the "north end" Italians and is aware of the fact that the criminal activity of some of this group has given the Italians a bad name in Kansas City. He stated, however, that his association with these people was purely social and that he, himself, has done nothing but work hard all his life. He stated he is not in a position to furnish any information regarding the Italian criminal element and even if he could, he said he is doubtful if he would do so because he believed it to be their business and not his.

MOLLE advised that he is well acquainted with most Teamster officials, although he was not acquainted with FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES. He said he "knew the man by sight". His association with the Teamsters Union is a business association and he rents them seven or eight cars each year. This has been going on since approximately 1956 or 1957 when he started the Sarann Auto & Truck Leasing Co.

MOLLE had no information as to the identity of HAYES' killers.

FD-263 (Rev 5-1-59)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	10-27-64	9/17 - 10/26/64

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA GEORGE F. LUECHENHOFF	cpc
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	AR	

REFERENCE: Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECHENHOFF at Kansas City, dated 8-18-64.

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LEADS:

MILWAUKEE:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

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Will contact [redacted] and secure more details as to the membership of subject in La Cosa Nostra. Informant should be closely questioned as to the date and circumstances under which subject was admitted to this organization.

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Will conduct appropriate investigation concerning current activities of subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Three copies of this report are being prepared for the Kansas City division in view of possible future dissemination to department attorney [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Investigation concerning the identity of individuals observed by [redacted] as reflected in referenced report, who were seen with JOSEPH GURERA, has been requested of the New York office.

The following information is not being set forth in the body of this report since the Bureau has instructed that dissemination of reports in case entitled, "UNSUBS (2); FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES - VICTIM; OOJ", is to be made only to the Department of Justice.

HAYES, who was a government witness, was murdered on the evening of June 11, 1964, in Kansas City, Missouri, and investigation to date has failed to identify the person or persons responsible for this shooting.

CHARLES LINDBERG PIERSON, FBI #3646148, a Kansas City, Missouri criminal figure, was arrested September 17, 1964, by Manhattan Beach, California Police Department, on charges of Armed Robbery in that vicinity.

At PIERSON's request, he was interviewed by Bureau agents on September 24, 1964, and although refusing to identify individuals by name, furnished the following information. He stated that a friend told him that a shotgun used in the HAYES murder came from a burglary of some sporting goods store in Wisconsin, and that an individual by the name of BUSTER BALESTRERE had supplied the gun.

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PIERSON was again interviewed by a Bureau agent and Department Attorney [redacted] on September 30, and October 1, 1964. During this interview, PIERSON identified JOHN CALDRONE, FBI #4632504, and CARL DE LUNA, FBI #4121933, as individuals responsible for the murder of HAYES.

He also furnished the name of [redacted] as an individual who furnished certain information concerning the

murder to him. [redacted] said that the shotgun used in the killing came out of a sporting goods store robbery in Wisconsin and was sent to Kansas City by one of the BALESTRERES. b6 b7C

Investigation concerning this is being conducted in the substantive case file involving the Obstruction Of Justice matter.

The Milwaukee division furnished the following information on June 19, 1964.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA, Kansas City, Missouri
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Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF
Date: 10-27-64

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File No.: 92-000

Bureau File No.: 92-5130

Title: DUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 9011 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, and operates "Mr. Jim's" Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. Subject personally observed on a number of occasions at this location. JOHN KOLLE, subject's brother-in-law, advised most of his troubles with law enforcement stem from the fact that his wife's maiden name is BALESTRERE.

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DETAILS:

JOHN D. KOLLE was interviewed concerning another matter on September 29, 1964, by SA ROBERT J. DEMEEM and SA OREA W. AIREY. KOLLE, who operates the Carann Auto and Truck Leasing Company, 2500 Broadway, advised that most of his troubles with law enforcement stem from the fact that his wife's maiden name is BALESTRERE, and his brother-in-law is DUSTIN BALESTRERE. KOLLE viewed a Kansas City, Missouri Police Department photograph of DUSTIN BALESTRERE, #60656, and identified him as his brother-in-law. KOLLE identified VITO BALESTRERE as another brother of his wife, who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

KOLLE stated that he was born and reared in the "north end" section of Kansas City, Missouri, having been born at Third and Harrison and brought up in the Fifth and

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SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF made the following personal observations on the dates indicated. On September 17, 1964, a 1955 Buick, black over white, bearing Missouri license PG3-435, was observed at the address, 5011 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri. Subject was observed in Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main, Kansas City, Missouri on the following dates: September 25; October 13, 14, 15, 1964.

On October 14, 1964, subject, while not formally interviewed by SA LUECKENHOFF due to a number of individuals present at Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, advised that he was still residing at 5011 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri. Subject at this time, indicated he was still renovating this location and that business seems to be improving steadily although not on a large scale.

On October 23, 1964, Lieut. [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF that no significant information concerning subject has come to the attention of this unit in recent weeks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) DATE: 10/28/64

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
AR

Re report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at Kansas City dated 8/18/64.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON on 10/6/64 and should be set forth only on the administrative pages of a report and not in the details:

On 10/6/64 [redacted] advised that he knew BUSTER BALESTRERE to be a member of the La Cosa Nostra as he had participated in affairs of the La Cosa Nostra family in Milwaukee. He advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE was "made" in Kansas City during the regime of BIG JIM BALISTRIERI and believed it to be shortly before World War II. He advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE came to Milwaukee and participated in La Cosa Nostra affairs.

In rept. 12-22-64 EGK

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The following may be set forth in the details of a report if desired:

[redacted] advised on 10/6/64 that BUSTER BALESTRERE worked at the Ogden Social Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the 1940's, which social club was a gambling casino.

In rept. 12-22-64 EGK

[redacted] is a hoodlum in the Milwaukee area who is a member of the La Cosa Nostra and is acquainted with its members and operations.

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United States Government
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC [redacted]

Date: 10-27-64

FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

Rating: Excellent

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

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Info re [redacted] to MI.

KC [redacted] b7D

Information contained in this memorandum which was deemed pertinent has been disseminated either orally or by routing slip to Agents having substantive case files at the time information was first received.

10-6-64

CI advised that the [redacted] has been [redacted] and that a [redacted] has been placed in this location. THOMAS SIMONE and JAMES CIARLELLI were both at this location on the prior evening. CI advised that DAN LAWSON also continues to visit this location on virtually a nightly basis and has noted as of late, LAWSON, while parking his automobile in the lot south of this location, will upon leaving, drive to the rear of the [redacted] take the street next to the [redacted] and will double back for purposes of determining whether he is under surveillance. JAMES DUARDI has been successful in increasing the number of patrons at the Famous Restaurant. CI stated that TANO LOCOCO, an uncle of DUARDI, has been visiting this location frequently. b6 b7C b7D

ANTHONY CIVELLA is in the process of purchasing a new Pontiac automobile at Miller Pontiac.

CI stated that STEVE PLAS was attempting to locate [redacted] on the prior night.

10-9-64

CI was contacted in regard to the following matters and had no information concerning same: KC files 7-1010; 87-17743; 87-17667; 87-17653; 87-17645.

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CI advised that he had overlooked mentioning that on the prior Tuesday night, which was [redacted] JAMES CIARLELLI and [redacted] came into the [redacted] They were accompanied by the girl whose name CI does not know, but whom he has mentioned before as having dated [redacted] She apparently works at a [redacted] located in the [redacted] CLARENCE WADE ANDERSON also came in to the [redacted] with a girl whom he has been dating on a number of occasions lately and all five individuals left together in a party. CIARLELLI did not have a date.

KC [redacted] b7D

CARL CIVELLA [redacted] also visited the [redacted] on the night of [redacted] however, to CI's knowledge, did not meet anyone.

CI stated that [redacted], mentioned several times by him in the recent past, was visiting with [redacted] on the prior evening. CI stated that these two individuals have been together on several occasions of recent past and he can only speculate that they are either planning something or engaging in the [redacted] CI advised that in regard to [redacted] a [redacted] area, with his [redacted] working in the [redacted] of the [redacted]

10-13-64

CI advised that on the prior evening, he observed CARL DE LUNA [redacted] and [redacted] were also at this location. b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that [redacted] is definitely [redacted] the [redacted] and is currently engaged in preparing this location [redacted]

CI advised that on the prior evening, [redacted] and ANTHONY CIVELLA were together for a considerable period of time in the area [redacted] He explained that this area was [redacted] however, since that period, has been [redacted] location. However, to his knowledge, it is rarely used of late.

10-15-64

CI advised that he has been in [redacted] area virtually every night this week and has not observed CARL DELUNA with the exception of on Monday and Tuesday nights, October 12 and 13, 1964. He stated he did observe DE LUNA [redacted] at work in the [redacted] on several of these evenings.

10-19-64

CI advised that a "low-ball" gambling game occurred in the pool hall at Fifth and Troost on the prior day and was attended by TOM CACIOPPO, [redacted], CARL

KC [redacted]

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CIVELLA and many other individuals from that area.

CI stated that it is his understanding [redacted] received [redacted] on his [redacted] and [redacted] over the weekend while [redacted] He is reportedly in [redacted] but CI has been unable to obtain any pertinent or more definite information concerning this occurrence.

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CI stated that he did not observe CARL DELUNA over the weekend nor did he see DE LUNA [redacted] around the [redacted] TANO LOCOCO again visited JIM DUARDI on several occasions during the past week.

CI stated that he had no knowledge of any visitors in Kansas City from the Milwaukee area during the recent past, nor did he have any knowledge that JOSEPH GURERA or BUSTER BALESTRERE have visited that location.

CI stated that [redacted] has been observed by him on several occasions since the [redacted] and is frequently seen with MAX JABEN. He stated that [redacted] had worked for JABEN a number of years ago at a gambling location, however, he does not know whether this friendship is of a business or social aspect.

CI stated that [redacted] which is being [redacted] on the southeast corner of [redacted] and [redacted] This was formerly the location of a [redacted] It will not be [redacted] since he is ineligible to receive a [redacted] but will be [redacted] by the individual who presently [redacted]

10-20-64

CI stated that ANTHONY CIVELLA is reportedly leaving for Las Vegas together with [redacted] at about 2:00 P.M. CI advised that it was his understanding the reservations for [redacted] were made for purposes of attending a [redacted] however, after [redacted] was cancelled, they still intended to spend a short [redacted] in that area. He stated that [redacted] was originally intending to go with this group, however, due to [redacted] he was forced to cancel.

CI stated that he has seen [redacted] on several occasions during the past week and [redacted] is reportedly [redacted]

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CI stated that in fact, [redacted] GEORGE HARRIS on the prior day.

In relation to Uncle Tom's location, CI stated there no longer exists a separate entrance between the House of Tacos and the location under the control of TOM SIMONE. He advised that frequently, individuals will go from one location to the other by utilizing the back doors and the alley area. Uncle Tom's now consists of one large room. To the rear of this location, starting at the south wall there exists two lavatories, then a stock room where soft drinks and other materials are stored and this room is usually locked by padlock with the office located north of this room. CI stated that SIMONE and his associates usually congregate and talk at a table which is immediately left of the south entrance to this location and is hidden from the outside by partitioning which is utilized as an air break in winter. CI pointed out that individuals sitting at this table can usually see out due to the arrangement of the drapes, however, cannot be seen from the outside. He stated that he has noticed TOM SIMONE will never sit at any table at which he turns his back to the door. He will always sit so that he has direct observation of individuals who might be entering any location at which he is present.

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CI stated that the following individuals were observed at the [redacted] visiting with JAMES DUARDI on the prior day. [redacted] WILLIE CUMMINGS, [redacted] [redacted] and JAMES CIARLELLI. On the prior Saturday night, CI understands that [redacted] spent a great deal of time with [redacted], Kansas City, [redacted] CI advised that this may be in relation to a gambling operation now being conducted by [redacted] in [redacted] Kansas. CI stated that [redacted] has been a close and continuous associate of [redacted] the [redacted] being [redacted] has the reputation of being able to [redacted] in the Kansas area. He has visited locations operated by the criminal element, including after-hours clubs, on a number of occasions in the past, and is known as a heavy drinker.

CI stated that the rumor circulating among the criminal element is that [redacted] who was recently

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KC [redacted]

[redacted]

CI stated that CARL CIVELLA was at the gambling location on [redacted] at 5:00 P.M. this date.

10-22-64

CI stated that he observed CARL DE LUNA with SAM PALMA at 4:00 P.M. this date. [redacted] was also with these two and all were in [redacted]

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CI stated that MAX JABEN was in [redacted] for lunch and was with [redacted], local [redacted]

CI stated that the [redacted] will open on [redacted], and will be [redacted] Meat will be purchased from CARL CIVELLA at the B and C Meat Company. He stated that DUARDI is slowly but steadily building up the volume of business at this location.

CI stated that [redacted] car was seen by him at [redacted] on this date.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-696) P DATE: 11/19/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka;
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A review of the file of subject and contact with informants of this division fail to reflect any recent travel on the part of BALESTRERE.

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[redacted]
CI

Contact Date: 11/24/64

CI observed a photograph of [redacted] and advised that this is the individual whom CI had previously referred to as having visited TOM SIMONE's location on a number of occasions. CI stated that [redacted] has been quite active as [redacted] and also understands that [redacted] has been engaged in the [redacted] and possibly [redacted] (Above information has been previously known concerning [redacted] and no dissemination necessary).

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CI observed a photograph of [redacted] and stated that this is the individual by the name of [redacted] who has visited [redacted] CI explained that [redacted] and [redacted] somewhere in New York City and is reportedly a relative of [redacted] CI stated that this individual has visited Kansas City prior to the summer of 1964, and he also understands [redacted] has visited this individual in New York.

CI observed photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] and stated that none of these individuals are identical with the persons observed by him with JOSEPH GURRRA in [redacted] The occurrence referred to is in relation to CI previously observing two unidentified individuals with JOSEPH GURRRA at [redacted] and DUSTER BALESTRERE was attempting to locate these persons.

1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-254 [redacted]
1 - 92-320 (JOSEPH GURRRA)
1 - 92-606 (DUSTER BALESTRERE)
1 - 92-114 (THOMAS SIMONE)
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Kansas City, Missouri
December 22, 1964

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE,
aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

KC T-1 has frequent current contact with most members of the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge concerning present and past activities on the part of these individuals. KC T-1 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

KC T-2 is a hoodlum in the Milwaukee area who is a member of the criminal organization and is acquainted with its members and operations.

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KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	12-22-64	10-6-64/12-17-64

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
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	CHARACTER OF CASE: AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, Kansas City, 10-27-64
Milwaukee letter to Kansas City 10-28-64 (Interoffice)

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants appearing in this report.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being placed in a Pending Inactive status in the Kansas City Division and will be reopened after a lapse of a 6-months period for the purpose of bringing the investigation up-to-date. Information will

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continue to be disseminated to this file when received from informants and through other investigation. If information is developed of substantial pertinence, this case will be placed in a pending status prior to the time the 6-months period has elapsed.

The investigative period of this report extends from 10-6-64, which is prior to the date of referenced report because of the fact that information from the Milwaukee Division was not received until after the previous report had been prepared.

The following information is not being incorporated into the body of this report since it refers to subject's membership in LaCosa Nostra. This information was furnished by the Milwaukee Division on 10-28-64 and investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON on 10-6-64:

On 10-6-64, [redacted] advised that he knew BUSTER BALESTRERE to be a member of the La Cosa Nostra as he had participated in affairs of the La Cosa Nostra "family" in Milwaukee. He advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE was "made" in Kansas City during the regime of "BIG JIM" BALISTRIERI and believed it to be shortly before World War II. He said BUSTER BALESTRERE came to Milwaukee and participated in La Cosa Nostra affairs.

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INFORMANTS:

KC T-1 is [redacted] contacted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

KC T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON of the Milwaukee Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City
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Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF — Office: Kansas City
Date: 12-22-64

Field Office File #: 92-696 — Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, KCMO, and to operate Mr. Jim's Restaurant & Bar, 3323 Main Street, KCMO. Informant advises subject worked in a gambling casino in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during 1940's. No unusual activity noted by informant.

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Details: AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Major [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, Liquor Control Commissioner, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on December 17, 1964, that to his knowledge BUSTER BALESTRERE is still operating Mr. Jim's Restaurant & Bar at 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and also works at Jim's Bar and Peppina's Restaurant at 50th & Main Street. b6 b7C

Major [redacted] stated that BALESTRERE visited the Liquor Control office on December 16, 1964, for the purpose of making application for license renewals and indicated his home address is 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri.

On November 3, 1964, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed BALESTRERE in Mr. Jim's Restaurant, 3323 Main Street, and on the same date, observed the residence at

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9911 Blue Ridge Extension, with negative results. Observations of the same locations by SA LUECKENHOFF on November 24, 1964, were negative with regard to observing subject.

On December 15, 1964, Lt. [redacted], Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised SA LUECKENHOFF that no significant information regarding subject has come to the attention of this unit during recent weeks.

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KC T-1 advised on October 19, 1964, that he has no knowledge of any visitors in the Kansas City area from the Milwaukee area during the recent past who might have been in contact with the subject. KC T-1 likewise had no knowledge that BUSTER BALESTRERE has visited the Milwaukee area.

KC T-2 informed on October 6, 1964, that BUSTER BALESTRERE worked at the Ogden Social Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which was a gambling casino, during the 1940's.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
December 22, 1964

Title BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, dated December 22, 1964, at Kansas City

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE [redacted] b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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On 12/29/64 informant advised that he attended the funeral of VITO BALISTRERI, aka Vito Balestrere at Milwaukee that morning and had also been present at the GUARDALABENE and AMATO Funeral Home on the previous evening. Informant said that most of the Milwaukee LCN members were seen at the funeral home as well as the funeral, except that he did not see [redacted], who are believed to be sick. Also seen were brothers of the deceased, JIMMY and BUSTER BALESTRERE of Kansas City, and brother-in-law, JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City. Informant said a man named BLONDA (phonetic) of Kansas City was also there and was introduced as a member of LCN. Informant stated JOSEPH FRANK GURERA did not come to the funeral, as he is said to be sick. b6 b7C

Concerning BLONDA, it is noted that Kansas City once received information from Federal Narcotics Inspector [redacted] that JOHN BLANDO was a member of Kansas City, Missouri family of LCN, and he may, therefore, be identical with the man who attended the funeral. [redacted] [redacted] described BLONDA as follows: age 65, 5-6' tall, b6 b7C b7D

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(2)-92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
1-92-782 (JOHN MOLLE)
1-92-445 (JOHN BLANDO)
1-92-326 (JOSEPH FRANK GURERA)

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195 pounds, heavy set, round face. Kansas City is requested to use the information furnished by [redacted] on administrative pages only, to prevent compromising the informant, except that it may be said in details of a report simply that informant stated that BLANDO (or BLONDA) was a member of LCN in Kansas City. There should be no inference in details of any report that this information came from Milwaukee.

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Informant also said that he spoke to SAM FERRARA, former boss of LCN in Milwaukee, who stated the Milwaukee family needed overhauling from beginning to end, but it would take a lot of money to do it. FERRARA, derisively referred to the BALISTRIERI faction, now dominating the family, as Camorista.

Kansas City will furnish photo of JOHN BLANDO (and any other logical BLANDOs) to Milwaukee so that [redacted] may identify same.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054) 4/27/65

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Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau, 4/21/65.

Enclosed herewith is a membership index card concerning BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, Bufile 92-5130.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC [redacted] DATE: 5/25/65

FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]
CI

Rating: Excellent

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS DEEMED PERTINENT HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED EITHER ORALLY OR BY ROUTING SLIP TO AGENTS HAVING SUBSTANTIVE CASE FILES AT THE TIME INFORMATION WAS FIRST RECEIVED.

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CI stated that CARL DeLUNA [redacted] whose first name he does not know, has [redacted] in the [redacted] He has [redacted] at this location on virtually a daily basis. CI stated that CARL DeLUNA [redacted] has mentioned that he thinks they are on [redacted] He does not know their location.

TOM FONTANELLO and TOM CACIOPPO were both at the gambling location on the prior day. b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that HAROLD BERGER, whom he has furnished information about in the past, has been absent from his usual locations and he would attempt to find out if he had died.

He explained that the last time he had [redacted] was rude to him and for this reason he has discontinued seeing [redacted] since he left the hospital.

CI stated that the individuals who are [redacted] a [redacted] are friends of [redacted] He stated that they may have [redacted] with the [redacted] because of this association. He described them as being of [redacted]

The writer observed the [redacted] at this location, which are directly [redacted] and are known as the [redacted] CI is apparently referring to [redacted] who are known to have the majority [redacted] and are [redacted]

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CI stated that [redacted] and that BERGER had died on the prior Saturday morning, 5/1/65. [redacted] BERGER dropped dead from a heart attack while in the kitchen of his apartment, just as his mother was coming in the apartment for a visit. His mother is from St. Louis. BERGER was buried in St. Louis on 5/2/65. CI

KC [redacted] b7D

stated he contacted SAM PALMA in relation to this, since PALMA was a close associate of BERGER and PALMA stated that he had attended the funeral. PALMA desired to know how CI had known BERGER had died and CI pointed out that it was mentioned in the paper. He likewise stated that he had heard BERGER had been indicted on local charges for some type of fraud action in relation to his operation of a car wash machine agency.

CI stated that CARL DeLUNA is out of town and that he has not been seen in several weeks. CI is unable to identify a female from description furnished by the writer who has been seen in the past with DeLUNA.

CI stated that [redacted] is likewise looking for [redacted] JOE FILARDO, who [redacted] is pressing him for [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CI stated he observed [redacted] and THOMAS SIMONE at [redacted] at 4:00 p.m. on the prior day and they had a lengthy conversation.

CI stated that on the prior day [redacted] and that [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] on a frequent basis of late with TOM SIMONE [redacted] was [redacted] on this date. He does not know where [redacted] will occur.

CI stated that LOUIS CANGELOSE was observed painting his residence the a.m. of this date.

CI stated that [redacted] still visits the [redacted] on virtually a daily basis. He parks his automobile away from the [redacted] and walks to [redacted] His [redacted] He is usually joined by [redacted]

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CI advised that there has been no change to his knowledge concerning the leadership of the criminal organization in the Kansas City area during recent months. He pointed out

KC [redacted] b7D

that JOSEPH FILARDO and JOSEPH CUSUMANO are still the leaders of the criminal organization and NICHOLAS CIVELLA is the active leader who takes orders from them. FILARDO and CUSUMANO do not come into direct contact with other members of the organization as does CIVELLA. He stated that JOSEPH LASCUOLA appears to be on a similar level as CIVELLA in his relationship with CUSUMANO and FILARDO, however, he has never ascertained that LASCUOLA has any authority over known members of the criminal organization in Kansas City. He could furnish no additional information concerning LASCUOLA's activities.

CARL CIVELLA, THOMAS SIMONE, TOM FONTANELLO, and MONK PALMENTERE seem to occupy positions under that of NICK CIVELLA, but on a parallel. They also seem to work as a group.

JOHN MANGIARACINA, WILLIE CAMMISANO, TOM LOCOCO, JOE GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE apparently also form a similar group as that of the prior group, however, do not have the authority or share in the activities as does the first group. He believes that this group was formerly the most powerful but since the taking over of the organization by NICK CIVELLA it has lost its influence.

He explained, however, that all are under the authority of FILARDO and CUSUMANO. It is CI's opinion that CUSUMANO only occupies his position since he is a relative of FILARDO and has been so close to him over the years.

CI stated that his comments concerning this grouping was based solely upon various factors and comments which he has observed and heard throughout the years. He stated that there has been little or no friction during recent years in this group; however, as he has pointed out on a number of occasions previously there exists an uneasiness among the members and he still believes various individuals are feuding.

He stated that the criminal organization, through NICK CIVELLA, still continues to control gambling and fencing activities in the Kansas City area.

He stated that there are numerous individuals who belong to the criminal organization whose positions or activities he is not sure of and this would include persons such as ANTHONY CIVELLA, SAM PALMA, CARL DeLUNA, and other younger individuals. He stated he had previously pointed out that DeLUNA was now "an enforcer" for this group.

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In relation to LOUIS CANGELOSE, CI stated that CANGELOSE has been closely associated with NICHOLAS CIVELLA for many years, was known as a "muscleman", however, does not seem to associate with anyone on a continuous basis other than NICK CIVELLA.

CI stated that WILLIAM CAMMISANO is driving a 1959 or 1960 black Chevrolet station wagon. He has offered JAMES DUARDI his "after hours club," but it does not appear that DUARDI will accept this position.

There was a 4-5-6 game on the prior Tuesday at the [redacted] has been gambling frequently at this location during recent weeks and was a winner on this date. CARL CIVELLA and TOM LOCOCO were also there, however, not gambling. [redacted] was gambling and was a heavy loser. He broke at least four $100 bills and when he lost this money he called [redacted] to obtain more. b6 b7C b7D

CI stated that [redacted] in his automobile. [redacted] wants to [redacted] but is afraid that if he does so [redacted] him because he is taking so [redacted]

In relation to JOE GURERA, CI stated that GURERA has been visiting an asphalt company known as Paces Blacktop, located on 85th Street near Highway 50. He stated that he has heard the rumor that GURERA is attempting to "muscle in" on this company, however, this has been but a rumor and he cannot verify it. He has seen GURERA near this location on several occasions.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) DATE: 6/18/65

FROM : Supervisor [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 12/22/64.

This case is being reopened and assigned for investigation under the Criminal Intelligence Program. This file should be carefully reviewed and all indicated inquiries and investigation conducted. Subject's current residence, employment, and activities, both criminal and legitimate, should be determined. Logical informants should be canvassed for all available information concerning the subject. Any possible substantive violation under FBI jurisdiction should be fully explored and, if none developed, any other violation in any jurisdiction should be fully determined. Dissemination to other law enforcement agencies must be accomplished wherever warranted.

At the conclusion of this investigation, an investigative report should be prepared suitable for dissemination, and consideration given to an interview of the subject. Interviews must be carefully prepared. [redacted] b7D

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TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-246) DATE: July 12, 1965

FROM : SA [redacted] - P - b6 b7C

SUBJECT: LOUIS CANGELOSE, aka
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1 - 92-258 (M. JABEN)
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1 - 92-324 (S. PLAS)
1 - 92-1178 [redacted]
1 - 92-696 (B. BALESTRERE)

1 - 66-3401A
1 - 92-590 (G. HARRIS)
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-290 [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-243 (C. DE LUNA)
1 - 92-1451 [redacted]
1 - 92-318
1 - 92-257
1 - 92-1188
1 - 92-267
1 - 92-255 (J. CIARLELLI)
1 - [redacted]
1 - 92-1272 [redacted]
1 - 92-245
1 - 92-273 (M. LASCUOLA)
1 - 92-470 [redacted]
1 - 92-1342
1 - 92-274
1 - 92-624
1 - 92-546
1 - 92-553
1 - 92-1297 [redacted]
1 - 92-111 (J. MANGIARACINA)
1 - 92-527 [redacted]
1 - 92-244 (W. CAMMISANO)
1 - 92-802 [redacted]
1 - 92-117 (A. PRESTA) 92-696-132
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On July 2, 1965, Detective Lieutenant [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Intelligence Unit, made available an inter-department communication relevant to Intelligence Unit Detectives' observations at the wake and funeral of LOUIS CANGELOSE. A report prepared by Detective [redacted] dated July 1, 1965, reflects that on June 30, 1965, Detective [redacted] Detective [redacted] Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the St. Louis County Intelligence Unit and Detective [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department Intelligence Unit, conducted a surveillance at the Sebbeto Funeral Home, 901 East 5th Street, at which LOUIS CANGELOSE was waked. The following is a list of persons observed at the funeral home between 8:00 PM and 11:30 PM, June 30, 1965:

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NICK CIVELLA
CARL CIVELLA
ANTHONY CIVELLA
PETE PALMENTERE
[redacted] from St. Louis
JAMES GIARMMANCO (later determined to be JAMES GIAMMANCO), from St. Louis
[redacted], from St. Louis
DANNY LAWSON
THOMAS SIMONE
[redacted]
GEORGE HARRIS
[redacted]
CARL DE LUNA
[redacted]
CHARLES CACIOPPO
[redacted]
ANTHONY GARGOTTA
[redacted]
MIKE LASCUOLA
[redacted]

[redacted]
JOHN MANGIARACINA
[redacted]
MAX JABEN

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One out-of-state car, a 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan, blue in color, bearing 1965 Connecticut license [redacted], was observed in the vicinity during this time. At 11:20 PM, TOM SIMONE, [redacted] and JAMES GIAMMANCO were observed to depart the funeral parlor.

At 8:30 AM, July 1, 1965, Detective [redacted] with Detective [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department Intelligence Unit, observed the vicinity of St. John's Catholic Church, Independence and Brooklyn Avenues, during funeral rites for LOUIS CANGELOSE at that church. It was noted that after the casket was taken into the church and most of the persons had gone inside, the following individuals were standing outside the church talking in one of two groups.

Standing in one group were JOE DI GIOVANNI, [redacted] and JAMES GIAMMANCO, all three of St. Louis, talking with THOMAS SIMONE and WILLIAM CAMMISANO.

Standing in a second group were THOMAS FONTANELLO, PETE PALMENTERE, NICK CIVELLA, CARL CIVELLA, TONY CIVELLA and two unknown Italians. Unknown subject (1) was described as 5' 11", 230 pounds, having dark wavy hair, wearing sun glasses and having a rounded face with a pointed nose. Unknown subject (2) was described as 5' 8", 170 pounds, dark hair - balding, wearing thick glasses. Both of these individuals were observed to depart with NICK, [redacted] ANTHONY CIVELLA in the funeral procession.

[redacted], MAX JABEN, [redacted], STEVE PLAS, [redacted] ALEX PRESTA, [redacted] and BUSTER BALESTRERE were observed in the vicinity. At one time, NICK CIVELLA and JOHN MANGIARACINA walked off to the side and talked for about 15 minutes by themselves. [redacted] was the only person noted of the above individuals who went inside the church. Of the pallbearers, the only ones known were [redacted] (CANGELOSE [redacted]

was observed to arrive at the funeral home after the funeral procession was preparing to depart. It was noted that GIAMMANCO and [redacted] stayed with THOMAS SIMONE in one group and NICK CIVELLA and his group stayed separate, getting together at no time during these observations.

On July 1, 1965, Detective [redacted] prepared an inter-department communication reflecting that he, with Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the St. Louis County Intelligence Unit, observed the following vehicles at the Sebbeto Funeral Home and also continuing to St. John's Church, Independence and Brooklyn: b6 b7C

LICENSE NUMBER	ISSUED TO (NAME AND ADDRESS)
[redacted]	
J/073260	Avis Rent-A-Car, 9408 Hardy
PG9-121	JIMMIE CIARLELLI, (#30088)
JC1-700	ANTHONY CIVELLA (#72245)
HE4-081	PETE PALMENTERE
[redacted]	
WB6-661	Antonio's Pizzeria, 4231 Main
[redacted]	

The following cars were in the funeral procession from the church to the cemetery:

[redacted]	
HE4-081	PETE PALMENTERE
PG9-121	JIMMIE CIARLELLI (#30088)
[redacted]	

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LICENSE NUMBER	ISSUED TO (NAME AND ADDRESS)
ZX5-665	CARL DE LUNA, 1040 E. 5th
[redacted]	
--6-661	Antonio's Pizzeria, 4231 Main (usually driven by PAUL SILVIO)
[redacted]	
D3-357	Ajax Auto Parts, 4433 Gardner
[redacted]	
JC1-700	ANTHONY CIVELLA (#72245)
[redacted]	
D2-444J	Raytown Auto Mart Inc., 8819 E. 50 Hiway, Raytown, Missouri
[redacted]	

Lieutenant [redacted] made available information obtained from the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State of Connecticut, that Connecticut license [redacted] is registered to [redacted], New Haven, Connecticut, on a 1961 Lincoln Sedan, Identification Number [redacted] (Lead outstanding in New Haven Division regarding this number).

It is to be noted that certain individuals whose cars were observed as above-indicated were undoubtedly connected with drag racing and in attendance at the subject's funeral through their acquaintance with him in racing circles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC (92-696) Date: 8/19/65

FROM: SA George F Lueckenhoff

SUBJECT: Buster Balestrere AKA
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Captioned matter is assigned to the writer. Since 8/2/65 the writer has been assigned exclusively and full-time to physical surveillance and other special investigation in the case captioned:

"SALVATORE EUGENE PALMA; aka;
[redacted]
ITSP; AIDING AND ABETTING"
OO-Houston
KC 87-18879

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-696) DATE: 8/23/65

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE, aka
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Since this matter has been placed in a pending status the writer has been engaged in investigations including the SALVATORE PALMA; ITSP matter, 87-18879; the UNSUB; [redacted] - KIDNAPING case; several bank robbery investigation; surveillances and relief supervisory duties. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted on 6/23/65:

Subject's automobile was observed parked at his residence, 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Mo., and is believed to be the same Buick bearing Missouri license PG4-435 utilized by the subject.

On 6/28/65, the writer visited subject's restaurant-bar, located 3323 Main Street, however, subject was not present. The writer, during a conversation with the barmaid, ascertained that subject still operated this location, however, was at home during the period in question for dinner. The purpose of writer's visiting this location was to determine subject's reaction to the death of LOUIS CANGELOSE.

On the prior date, a spot check of the Sebbetto Funeral Parlour, 5th Street, Kansas City,

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Mo. failed to reflect subject's automobile at this location.

On 7/27/65, the writer attempted to contact subject at his residence; there was no answer.

On 8/17/65, Lt. [redacted] Intelligence Division, KCMO PD, advised that his Department had no information concerning subject, other than that information previously furnished concerning his attendance at the funeral of LOUIS CANGELOSE. b6 b7C

Leads have been set forth for contact of logical informants concerning subject and a report will be prepared at the earliest possible date.

8/24/65

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) (P)

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BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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OO: Kansas City

Records, Kansas City, Mo. PD, reflect a State warrant from Wisconsin was received on 8/6/65 charging subject with operating gambling place. On 8/9/65 the State warrant was cancelled.

MILWAUKEE is requested to ascertain the nature of the above warrant and circumstances surrounding its being sent to the Kansas City, Mo. PD.

Subject continues to reside in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Kansas City, Missouri

August 31, 1965

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE;
aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

KC T-1 has frequent current contact with most members of the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge concerning present and past activities on the part of these individuals. KC T-1 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

KC T-2 is a hoodlum in the Milwaukee area who is a member of the criminal organization and is acquainted with its members and operations.

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Date 8/31/65

BUSTER BALESTRERE was interviewed at Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main Street. BALESTRERE furnished no information of significance regarding criminal matters, however, furnished the following pertinent information concerning himself:

BALESTRERE stated that he continues to operate this location and has almost completed the renovation which has been taking place since the opening. BALESTRERE stated that he has discontinued the restaurant portion of his business due to the fact that the employees he hired did not want to handle both the bar and the restaurant work. He pointed out that to hire additional help would have been financially prohibited. He stated that JAMES BALESTRERE continues to operate Jim's Bar and the adjacent restaurant at 5050 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. The restaurant is being renovated and is due to smoke damage from two grease fires which occurred during the past several weeks. JAMES continues to reside in Raytown, Missouri, with his daughter.

BALESTRERE pointed out that he himself continues to reside with his family at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, in a residence owned by his sister. He pointed out that his brother-in-law, JOE GURERA, continues to be successful in his insurance business. GURERA had been ill during the past few weeks, however BALESTRERE does not believe that this illness was of a serious nature.

BALESTRERE stated that his [redacted] continue to reside on [redacted], [redacted], will be married at her local church, St. Bernadette's in the near future.

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On 8/23/65 at Kansas City, Missouri File# KC 92-696 -137

by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF : pe Date dictated 8/26/65

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BALESTRERE discussed at length the accidental death of LOUIS CANGELOSE and technical causes involved in this accident. He pointed out that he had been acquainted with CANGELOSE since childhood, since both were born and raised in the same neighborhood.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	8/31/65	4/27/65 - 8/30/65

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
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REFERENCES:

Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at Kansas City 12/22/65.
Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau 12/31/64, in case entitled, [redacted] b7D
Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee 8/24/65. (Interoffice)

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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU:

Original and one copy of a letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants appearing in this report

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

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KC 92-696

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will ascertain nature of warrant charging subject with operating gambling place which was filed at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and later cancelled.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will report results of Milwaukee leads and conduct logical investigation concerning subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The period of this report extends from 4/27/65 to 8/30/65, and is due to the fact that this matter was placed in a pending inactive status by referenced report of 12/22/64.

Information is reflected in this report concerning contact with subject on 8/23/65, in Kansas City, Missouri. During interview with subject, it was noted that subject [redacted]

INFORMANTS:

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KC T-1 is [redacted] contacted by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

KC T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON of the Milwaukee Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 8/31/65

Field Office File #: 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, KCMO and to operate Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main Street, KCMO. Subject attended funeral of brother in Milwaukee, Wisc. during December, 1964. Subject's brother-in-law, JOSEPH GURERA will not return to Milwaukee, Wisc. due to discord he created within criminal organization. Informant advises subject is member of group within the criminal organization in Kansas City; however, the influence of this group is not as powerful under NICHOLAS CIVELLA's leadership as formerly. Subject attended funeral of LOUIS CANGELOSE. KCMO Police Department records reflect a gambling warrant placed by Milwaukee Police Department, however, later cancelled. Credit records reflect subject has recent satisfactory accounts.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

On August 23, 1965, BUSTER BALESTRERE was interviewed at Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, at which time he advised he was still operating this location.

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On June 28, 1965, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF visited Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. Employees at this location advised at that time that subject continues to operate this restaurant.

On August 23, 1965, subject advised that his brother, JAMES BALESTRERE, continues to operate Jim's Barn and the adjacent restaurant located at 5050 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. The restaurant is presently being renovated since it had suffered extensive smoke damage from several grease fires which had occurred during the past several weeks.

RESIDENCE

On August 23, 1965, subject advised he continues to reside with his family at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri.

On June 23, 1965, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed a 1961 Chevrolet bearing Missouri license FG4-435 parked at subject's residence. This license plate had previously been known to have been utilized by subject.

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On August 17, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted] Intelligence Division, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised that subject continues to reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri.

CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION

KC T-2 advised on April 27, 1965, that T-2 did not believe JOSEPH GURERA would ever return to Milwaukee, Wisconsin because of the discord he created within the criminal organization in Milwaukee during the period of his stay there.

Prior investigation has reflected that subject BUSTER BALESTRERE was closely associated with JOSEPH GURERA in Milwaukee. GURERA is subject's brother-in-law.

KC T-1 advised that there has been no change to his knowledge concerning the leadership of the criminal organization in the Kansas City area during recent months. He pointed out that JOSEPH FILARDO and JOSEPH CUSUMANO are still the leaders of the criminal organization and NICHOLAS CIVELLA is the active leader who takes orders from them. FILARDO and CUSUMANO do not come into direct contact with other members of the organization as does CIVELLA. He stated that JOSEPH LASCUOLA appears to be on a similar level as CIVELLA in his relationship with CUSUMANO and FILARDO, however, he has never ascertained that LASCUOLA has any authority over known members of the criminal organization in Kansas City. He could furnish no additional information concerning LASCUOLA's activities.

CARL CIVELLA, THOMAS SIMONE, TOM FONTANELLO and MONK PALMENTERE seem to occupy positions under that of NICK CIVELLA, but on a parallel. They also seem to work as a group.

JOHN MANGIARACINA, WILLIE CAMMISANO, TOM LOCOCO, JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE apparently also form a similar group as that of the prior group, however, do not have the authority or share in the activities as does the first group. He believes that this group was formerly the most powerful, but since the taking over of the organization by NICK CIVELLA it has lost its influence.

He explained, however, that all are under the authority of FILARDO and CUSUMANO. It is KC T-1's opinion that CUSUMANO only occupies his position since he is a relative of FILARDO and has been so close to him over the years.

KC T-1 stated that his comments concerning this grouping was based solely upon various factors and comments which he has observed and heard throughout the years. He stated that there has been little or no friction during recent years in this group; however, as he has pointed out on a number of occasions previously, there exists an uneasiness among the members and he still believes various individuals are feuding.

He stated that the criminal organization, through NICK CIVELLA, still continues to control gambling and fencing activities in the Kansas City area.

He stated that there are numerous individuals who belong to the criminal organization whose positions or activities he is not sure of and this would include persons such as ANTHONY CIVELLA, SAM PALMA, CARL DE LUNA and other younger individuals. He stated he had previously pointed out that DE LUNA was now "an enforcer" for this group.

In relation to LOUIS CANGELOSE, KC T-1 stated that CANGELOSE has been closely associated with NICHOLAS CIVELLA for many years, was known as a "muscleman", however, does not seem to associate with anyone on a continuous basis other than NICK CIVELLA.

On August 17, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted], Intelligence Division, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised that his department has received little or no information reflecting that subject is engaging in criminal activities on a current basis. b6 b7C

MISCELLANEOUS

On July 27, 1965, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF attempted to contact subject at his residence with negative results.

On July 2, 1965, Detective Lieutenant [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, Intelligence Unit, made available information developed by members of this unit concerning observations made at the wake and funeral of LOUIS CANGELOSE. CANGELOSE was fatally injured in an automobile drag strip accident at Springfield, Missouri.

On July 1, 1965, the funeral of LOUIS CANGELOSE was held at St. John's Church, at Independence and Brooklyn Avenues, Kansas City, Missouri, and BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed standing in a group outside of the church.

Records of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were reviewed by IC [redacted] on August 20, 1965.

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Mr. [redacted] Clerk, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

The following is an arrest record for BUSTER VEDO BALESTRERE under #60656, described as white male; date of birth November 16, 1918; 5' 7" tall, 140 pounds with residence address of 9911 Blue Ridge, Kansas City, Missouri:

Date of Arrest	Charge	Disposition
2/26/35	Inv. Robbery	Rel. Arr. Off. 2/26/35
10/21/47	Gamb.	$5, 10/27/47
12/28/47	Inv. CCW.	Rel. by Rob. 12/30/47
4/10/48	Freq. Gamb	$5 $5, 4/16/48
10/10/49	Freq Gamb.	BF $25, 10/18/49 BF set aside Disch Gamb. $1 Freq 10/25/49
10/19/50	Inv. Burg	Rel. by Burg Bur 10/20/50
8/6/53	Care. Driv.	$20 and 1 day TS 8/18/53
9/24/53	Speed	$13, 9/29/53
6/12/64	Speeding	$10, 7/20/64
8/6/65	Oper Gambling Place (Wisc)	In custody 8/9/65
8/9/65	St Wrnt Gamb. (Wisc)	Warrant cancelled

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City were reviewed by IC [redacted] on August 20, 1965. b6 b7C

Miss [redacted] advised that records reflect BUSTER BALESTRERE and wife, ROSE, have been on record since 1948.

Current accounts which have been paid satisfactorily are reflected as follows:

August 3, 1964 - Broadway National Bank, $500.00

November 25, 1964 = Broadway National Bank, $500.00

March 25, 1964 = Broadway National Bank, $500.00

Co-signer was reflected as JOHN MOLLE, 3233 Main, Kansas City, Missouri.

On March 12, 1965, Central Bank of Kansas City, $375.00, secured by 1961 Chevrolet automobile

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

August 31, 1965

Title DUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated August 31, 1965

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

DATE: 10/15/65

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166)(P)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, at Kansas City, 8/31/65.

Investigation at Milwaukee has established State Warrant for arrest of subject on gambling charge was in all probability issued as the result of a John Doe investigation at Kenosha, Wisconsin, rather than at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will conduct investigation at Kenosha to determine basis of warrant and reason warrant was cancelled.

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	rd
	CHARACTER OF CASE: AR	

REFERENCE:

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 8/31/65.
Milwaukee letter to Kansas City, 10/15/65, (Interoffice).

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LEADS:

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will conduct investigation at Kenosha to determine basis of warrant placed with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department and reason warrant was cancelled.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will report results of Milwaukee leads and conduct logical investigation concerning subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: 10/27/65

Field Office File #: 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Mo., and observed operating Mr. Jim's Bar, 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo. Kansas City, Mo., PD has developed no information concerning criminal activities on part of subject. Investigation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has established state warrant for arrest of subject was in all probability issued at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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DETAILS:

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE was observed by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF working behind the bar at Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, during afternoon hours of September 20, 1965, and October 8, 11, and 25, 1965.

On October 15, 1965, SA LUECKENHOFF observed the residence at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, and the name of BALESTRERE continued to be reflected at this address.

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On October 25, 1965, Sergeant [redacted], Assistant Commanding Officer, Intelligence Division, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised that there has been no information developed by this unit reflecting criminal activity on the part of subject during recent months.

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The Milwaukee Division advised on October 15, 1965, that investigation at Milwaukee has established state warrant for arrest of subject on gambling charge was in all probability issued as the result of a JOHN DOE investigation at Kenosha, Wisconsin, rather than at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696)

DATE: 10/28/65

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) - RUC -

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka
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Re Milwaukee letter to Kansas City, 10/15/65.

Enclosed for the Kansas City Division are nine copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. at Kenosha, Wisconsin. There is no additional investigation outstanding in the Milwaukee Division.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (92-696)

DATE: 11/2/65

FROM: SAC, Milwaukee (92-166) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE,
aka
AR
(OO: Kansas City)

Rerep SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, Kansas City, 10/27/65

For information of Kansas City, information relating to lead set forth for Milwaukee Division at Kenosha, Wis., in rerep, was forwarded to Kansas City by MI let, dated 10/28/65.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-696) P DATE: 11/17/65

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE aka
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The writer observed subject at his bar ~~on~~ 3560 Blank. Main Street at 2:30 PM, 11/15/65 and at 1:30 PM, 11/16/65.

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SAC (92-1541) P 11/17/65

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

JOE MOLLE
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[redacted] was interviewed on 11/9/65.

Informant on 11/9/65 advised that the JOE MOLLE he knew was a huckster and fruit stand operator. He was at one time in partnership with JOHNNY GREEN aka Amaro, in a Produce Market at Riverside, Missouri. This was about 8 years ago. Informant added that [redacted] JOE and [redacted] when they had [redacted] located at the [redacted], [redacted] He stated that he believes [redacted]. Informant indicated that the last he knew of [redacted] he was working in the [redacted] in Kansas City. He never knew this JOE MOLLE to be a [redacted]

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He advised that JOE MOLLE has been involved in gambling, selling of hot goods, etc. but to his knowledge he has never been a member of "The Clique". He is a friend of "CORKY" CIVELLA and could be considered on the "fringe" of the group but not a member. Informant added that these two MOLLEs have an older brother whose name is unknown to the Informant and he did not know him personally.

Informant related that he knew JOHN MOLLE with the Sarann Auto Leasing Co. and that [redacted], [redacted] who was a [redacted] when informant was in Kansas City. They have a [redacted] the

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1 - 92-782 (JOHN MOLLE)
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)

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[redacted] JOHN MOLLE. He believes the name was either [redacted] Informant stated that JOHN MOLLE is married to ANNE BALESTRERE, sister of "BUSTER" BALESTRERE. (BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE aka, AR). Informant added that there was no [redacted] in this family. He advised that he did not know if JOHN MOLLE was a member of the Kansas City group but he did know of the relationship with BALESTRERE and he could possibly be considered on the "fringe" because of his association with the members.

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Informant stated that he does not know if the [redacted] MOLLE families are related but the possibility exists that they are.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	12/27/65	10/19/65-12/17/65

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka	GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF	gj
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCES:

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 10/27/65.
Milwaukee letters to Kansas City dated 10/28/65 and 11/2/65. (INTEROFFICE)

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LEADS:

MILWAUKEE (INFORMATIN):

A copy of this report is being forwarded the Milwaukee Division in view of possible future investigation in that Division.

Case pending over one year - Yes
Prosecution pending over six months - No

APPROVED KBW SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

Will contact Missouri State Attorney General's Office and secure background information concerning extradition hearing held concerning warrant issued against subject at Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: Kansas City
Date: December 27, 1965

Field Office File #: 92-696 Bureau File #: 92-5130

Title: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to operate Mr. Jim's Bar, 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Kansas City, Missouri Police Department has developed no information concerning current criminal activities on part of subject. Investigation at Kenosha, Wisconsin, indicates warrant issued in Wisconsin was declared defective in connection with extradition hearings held in the state of Missouri.

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DETAILS:

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE was observed by Special Agent GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF working at Mr. Jim's Restaurant and Bar, 3323 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on the following dates:

November 15, 1965 2:30 PM

November 16, 1965 1:30 PM

December 17, 1965 12:15 PM

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Lieutenant [redacted], Chief Intelligence Division, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised on December 17, 1965, that no information had come to the attention of this department concerning current criminal activities on the part of subject.

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On October 28, 1965, the Milwaukee Division furnished the following information:

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.:

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On October 19, 1965, Chief Investigator [redacted], Sheriff's Office, Kenosha County, advised that in regard to subject the only information he has recently received was in the past two days through contact of [redacted] Investigator, Wisconsin State Attorney General's Office, to the effect that the original criminal warrant issued August 5, 1965 by Judge HARRY V. CARLSON, Temporary Kenosha County Court Judge, Acting Under the Provisions of Wisconsin Statute, Section 253.195, charging that DUSTIANO VITO DALISTRERI, also known as Dustiano Balistreri, Duster Vito Balistrero, Duster Vito Balistreri, 9911 Blue Ridge Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, during period January 1, 1960 through January 28, 1963 at City of Kenosha, County of Kenosha, Wisconsin, did feloniously intentionally operate a gambling place at 2207 50th Street, contrary to Wisconsin Statutes Section 945.03 (1), based on complaint under oath of [redacted] was declared defective in connection with extradition hearings had at the State Capitol, Missouri, before the Governor of that state. The warrant being held defective negated the extradition proceedings as to the subject from Missouri to Wisconsin and it is now necessary that the Wisconsin State Attorney General's Office seek a new warrant at Kenosha, Wisconsin against DALISTRERE for transmittal to Missouri in event further prosecution of him is desired in Wisconsin.

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Chief Investigator [redacted] advised that he does not know whether such a new complaint will be filed and warrant issued at Kenosha, but as of this date no such action has taken place. [redacted] also said that he does not know the legal basis for the finding of the original warrant defective in Missouri, but such information would be available at both the Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office for the State of Missouri, as transcripts of the action would have been taken.